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Farm bill leaves some hungry for more

Chairwoman: Agriculture just not a priority

By Mary Clare Jalonek
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – A patchwork extension of federal farm programs passed as part of a larger "fiscal cliff" bill keeps the price of milk from rising but doesn't include many of the goodies that farm-state lawmakers are used to getting for their rural districts.

House and Senate Agriculture Committee leaders who spent more than a year working on a half-trillion-dollar, five-year farm bill that would keep subsidies flowing had to accept in the final hours a slimmed-down, nine-month extension of 2008 law with few extras for anyone.

With the new Congress opening Thursday, they'll have to start the farm bill process over again, most likely with even less money for agriculture programs this year and the recognition that farm interests have lost some of the political clout they once held.

"I think there's a lot of hurt feelings, that all of this time and energy was put into it and you've got nothing to show for it," said Roger Johnson, president of the National Farmers Union.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., said it even more bluntly on the Senate floor just after she learned that the barebones extension would be part of the fiscal cliff deal.

"There is no way to explain this," she said angrily as the deal came together New Year's Eve. "None. There is absolutely no way to explain this other than agriculture is just not a priority."

After Congress failed to pass a farm bill earlier last year, the legislation became tangled in the end-of-the-year fiscal cliff talks as dairy subsidies were set to expire Jan. 1 and send the

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Un-decorating Day



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Municipal Facilities worker Jeff Putman braves Thursday's cold weather to help take down the lighting for Christmas in the Park in Henderson's Central Park.

2012 construction stays in doldrums

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2012 continued a six-year run of below-par construction in Henderson and Henderson County.

The city and county issued permits for the construction of just 38 new single-family homes in 2012, four more than the year before but far below the average of 138 new houses per year here since 1990.

Last year marked the sixth consecutive year in which housing starts totaled fewer than 100.

The construction value for new houses here totaled almost $8 million last year.

The city issued nine permits for new houses with an average construction cost of $165,833, while the county issued 29 permits averaging $223,953. That continued a years-long trend in which larger, more expensive homes are being built outside the city limits, where larger building tracts are available.

Meanwhile, the total value of all types of building permits amounted to $26.9 million in 2012, down $5.6 million from the previous year. Since 1990, total construction here has averaged $39.1 million per year.

December, which is historically a slow month for construction starts, provided little momentum with just $889,245 of permits and one new single-family home.

The biggest commercial permits last month included:

■ A $92,000 permit issued by the county to El-

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Building permits

Total value of all types of building permits issued by the city and county and total permits for new single-family homes, 1990 thru 2012

Year	Total permits	New homes
1990	$21.9 mill.	129
1991	$16.6 mill.	102
1992	$30.5 mill.	140
1993	$26.2 mill.	184
1994	$48.3 mill.	199
1995	$90.0 mil.	176
1996	$55.1 mill.	166
1997	$31.5 mill.	143
1998	$40.4 mill.	143
1999	$47.5 mill.	173
2000	$47.5 mill.	138
2001	$43.3 mill.	158
2002	$36.7 mill.	147
2003	$55.6 mill.	139
2004	$39.5 mill.	135
2005	$51.2 mill.	163
2006	$57.0 mill.	121
2007	$26.4 mill.	98
2008	$23.0 mill.	57
2009	$25.7 mill.	55
2010	$26.8 mill.	39
2011	$32.5 mill.	34
2012	$26.9 mill.	38
Total	$899.8 mill.	2,766
Avg.	$39.1 mill.	138

Sources: City and county codes administrators

Power dispute in Court of Appeals

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Big Rivers Electric Corp. is appealing a recent ruling in its multi-million-dollar surplus electricity dispute with Henderson Municipal Power and Light to the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

The two power companies have been at odds since 2008 over which company has the right to use generation at the city of Henderson's Station Two power plant near Sebree that HMP&L reserves on an annual basis but doesn't always need.

Big Rivers contends their contract allows it to take the city's unused generating capacity whenever it wants and pay HMP&L a set fee.

But HMP&L insists the contract permits it to offer the surplus power on the open market, and that Big Rivers' only right is to be able buy the power at the same price that a third party has offered to pay.

In May 2012, a panel of three professional arbitrators ruled in favor of HMP&L.

Big Rivers appealed the arbitrators' decision to circuit court. In early December, Henderson Circuit Judge Karen Wilson upheld the arbi-

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Schools announce new slogan: 'Learners Today ... Leaders Tomorrow'

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Just as the students will become the masters, so will learners today become leaders tomorrow.

Following a communitywide survey that garnered 696 votes, Henderson County Schools announced its new slogan Thursday afternoon — "Learners Today ... Leaders Tomorrow."

Henderson County Schools' mission is to prepare and educate each student in a diverse, global society, Danielle Crafton, the district's public information officer, said in an email to The Gleaner. The slogan implies that not only is the district teaching academics, but also preparing students to be leaders on a global scale.

"The fact that Henderson County High School students from the Career and Technical Unit submitted the 'Learners Today ... Leaders Tomorrow' slogan shows we are educating our students to be successful and challenging them to real world events," Crafton said.

Henderson County Schools launched a campaign last fall asking for staff and students to submit slogans that would reflect the district's focus on College and Career Readiness.

The slogan contest was a community effort, she said, from the 116 original submissions to the online vote for the top five entries.

The following is a breakdown of the votes:

■ "Henderson Proud and Col-

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Mostly sunny, cold today; high in mid-30s. Cold tonight; low 24. A little warmer Saturday with rain or snow showers possible; high 41; low 30.

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Beshear pushes for higher dropout age

Move is opposed in GOP-led Senate

By Roger Alford
Associated Press

FRANKFORT – Students wouldn't be permitted to drop out of high school until they're legally adults under a proposal that Gov. Steve Beshear hopes to get approved by the Legislature after lawmakers convene next week.

The second-term Democrat, who has been pushing for years to gradually raise the dropout age from 16 to 18, said he's hopeful this will be the year it gets done.

"It sends a great message and a very essential message to our parents, our students and our school systems that kids need to finish high school to have any kind of opportunity to land a good job and to be able to support a family in the future," he told The Associated Press in an interview at his Capitol office on Wednesday.

The idea is to change a generations-old law that allows minors to drop out of school. The dropout age would be raised incrementally over a period of years to 17 and then to 18, giving both students and school districts time to adjust to the change.

The Democratic-controlled House favors such a measure, but Republicans who hold the majority in the Senate have refused to go along. They contend that classrooms would be disrupted by students who don't want to be in school, and that it sends an unfunded mandate to local school districts that would have to beef up alternative education programs for such students.

"Neither one of those ideas is accurate," Beshear said. "I think it's become more apparent that the school districts have the tools necessary to handle this population."

Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday supports Beshear's

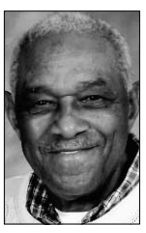
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Deaths

Alonzo "Bear" Harvey

Alonzo "Bear" Harvey, 79, Henderson, went peacefully home to our heavenly father at 2:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2012.

Alonzo was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.



Alonzo was preceded in death by his mother and father, Mary and Starling Harvey; five brothers, Ed, William, Melvin, Thurman and Arlene; and two sons, Darrell Ray Harvey and Michael Harvey.

He leaves behind a devoted wife, Ruth; four daughters, Belinda Dudley and her husband, Sol, Tamara Harvey, Minister Gayla Gilbert and Angela Brown, all of Henderson; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, John Harvey and Benny Harvey, both of Henderson; one sister, Dorothy Stone of Henderson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be at noon Saturday at First Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson. The Rev. Robert Esters will be presiding. Burial will be in Fernwood Cemetery.

A wake service will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church, where friends may call after 4 p.m. today.

Mason Brothers Audubon Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

James E. Perry

James E. Perry, 84, Henderson, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, at Henderson Nursing and Rehabilitation.

He worked for FraPaul Construction Co. in Lodi, N.J., for 35 years. He was a member of Greater Norris Chapel Baptist Church in Henderson.

Survivors include two children, Dineta Perry and Jeffrey Perry, both of Willingboro, N.J.; two stepdaughters, Karen Hixon of Hopkinsville and Carolyn Gathings of Evansville; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services will at 10 a.m. Saturday at Greater Norris Chapel Baptist Church.

Friends may call after 9 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Mason Brothers Audubon Chapel of Henderson-Evansville is in charge of arrangements.

James Hairlson

James Hairlson, 92, Henderson, died at 12:19 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013, at the home of his daughter in Henderson.

Arrangements are pending at Elliott Mortuary in Madisonville.

Funerals

Patricia T. Clare

Memorial services for Patricia T. Clare, 77, Henderson, who died Dec. 19, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Iva May Green

Services for Iva May Green, 81, Henderson, who died Sunday, will be at 11 a.m. today at Overbrook Bible Church, 719 Western Heights Drive, Overbrook, KS 66524. The Rev. Kevin Stone will officiate. Burial will be in Dover Cemetery in Dover, Kan.

Friends may call after 10 a.m. today at the church.

Benton-Glunt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Curtis Fleming

Services for Curtis Fleming Jr., 70, Morganfield, who died Tuesday, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Carr's Chapel Baptist Church in Morganfield. The Rev. Richard Pollard will officiate. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

Friends may call after 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield is in charge of arrangements.

Neta Doss Smith

Graveside services for Neta Doss Smith, 86, Hopkinsville, who died Saturday, will be at 11 a.m. today at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Joby Brown will officiate.

Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home in Hopkinsville is in charge of arrangements.

Brevities

Henderson Masonic Lodge No. 958 meeting 7 p.m. Monday; meal served at 6 p.m. All Master Masons welcome.

Fourth-annual coat giveaway, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Warehouse of Worship, 652 Short Seventh St. Sizes: Children's to adult 2X. Donated coats still being accepted. Call: 577-7488 for pick-up or information.

Henderson County GOP Republican Party monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m. Monday at Shoney's, U.S. 41-North. All Republicans welcome.

CDC: One in 24 admit nodding off while driving

The Associated Press

NEW YORK – This could give you nightmares: 1 in 24 U.S. adults say they recently fell asleep while driving.

And health officials behind the study think the number is probably higher. That's because some people don't realize it when they nod off for a second or two behind the wheel.

"If I'm on the road, I'd be a little worried about the other drivers," said the study's lead author, Anne Wheaton of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the CDC study released Thursday, about 4 percent of U.S. adults said they nodded off or fell asleep at least once while driving in the previous month. Some earlier studies reached a similar conclusion, but the CDC telephone survey of 147,000 adults was far larger. It was conducted in 19 states and the District of Columbia in 2009 and 2010.

CDC researchers found drowsy driving was more common in men, people ages 25 to 34, those who averaged less than six hours of sleep each night, and — for some unexplained reason — Texans.

Wheaton said it's possible the Texas survey sample included larger numbers of sleep-deprived young adults or apnea-suffering overweight people. Most of the CDC findings are not surprising to those who study this problem.

"A lot of people are getting insufficient sleep," said Dr. Gregory Belenky, director of Washington State University's Sleep and Performance Research Center in Spokane.

The government estimates that about 3 percent of fatal traffic crashes involve drowsy drivers, but other estimates have put that number as high as 33 percent.

Warning signs of drowsy driving: Feeling very tired, not remembering the last mile or two, or drifting onto rumble strips on the side of the road. That signals a driver should get off the road and rest, Wheaton said.

Even a brief moment nodding off can be extremely dangerous, she noted. At 60 mph, a single second translates to speeding along for 88 feet — the length of two school buses.

Public record

The following information is based on public records from local and area law enforcement agencies and/or court systems:

HENDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

■ William F. Buckman, 48, 2400 block of Wood Drive, was arrested Wednesday and charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

According to Detective Brad Newman, Buckman's arrest came after a four-month investigation into suspected drug trafficking. The investigation led to officers searching Buckman's residence at which time they seized a quantity of meth, Newman said. Buckman was lodged at the Henderson County Detention Center.

■ A resident in the 2200 block of North Elm Street reported Tuesday that someone stole more than $500 in jewelry items from her purse. The crime is believed to have occurred between Nov. 14 and Dec. 21.

HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

■ Adrian Fernandez, 28, 2100 block of Book Drive, was arrested Friday, Dec. 28, and charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (heroin) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Fernandez was arrested after sheriff's deputies began investigating an attempted burglary at his residence. During the investigation, law enforcement discovered a quantity of heroin. He was lodged at the Henderson County Detention Center.

■ Orvey Gabino Diaz-Perez, 23, address unavailable, was arrested Dec. 20 and charged with fourth-degree assault and cultivation of marijuana. He was lodged at the Henderson County Detention Center.

■ Billy W. Stone, 56, 1900 block of Old Madisonville Road, was arrested Dec. 20 on warrants charging him with three counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. He was lodged at the Henderson County Detention Center under a $20,000 full-cash bond.

HENDERSON CIRCUIT COURT

■ Charles A. Williams, 30, 600 block of Plum Street, was sentenced Wednesday to three years for receiving stolen property under $10,000. He was given five years probation on several conditions including that he wear a leg monitor for 60 days and truthfully testify at any trial involving co-defendants.

HENDERSON DISTRICT COURT

Several cases were recently bound over to the grand jury from district court.

■ Jessica D. Florey, 22, Allenhurst, Ga., faces a charge of theft of an identity without consent.

■ Andrew J. Filkins, 21, 2400 block of Birkhall Way, faces a charge of trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school.

■ Jeremy D. Raggs, 27, Greenville, Miss., faces charges of second-degree assault and second-degree disorderly conduct.

■ Ryan D. Jobe, 23, first block of South Arlington Drive, faces charges of trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Leonard E. Thompson, 41, 200 block of Ingram Street, faces a charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance.

■ Raymond L. Anderson, 55, 500 block of Sand Lane, faces a charge of first-degree assault.

■ Ronald S. Gower, 29, 900 block of Pond Street, faces a charge of first-degree robbery.

■ Brandon A. Owens, 31, address unavailable, faces a charge of first-degree burglary.

■ Several cases were recently waived to the grand jury from district court.

■ Benjamin A. Lucas, 23, 200 block of East Fox Hollow Run, faces charges of speeding, failure of owner to maintain insurance, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Paul T. Jennings, 43, 2100 block of Gregory Drive, faces two counts of third-degree rape and two counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

■ Alexander D. Fendrick, 27, 1100 block of Powell Street, faces two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance (second or greater offense).

■ Robert T. Goldsberry, 42, 2500 section of U.S. 60-East, faces charges of making false statements to obtain an increase in benefits more than $100 and first-degree wanton endangerment.

■ Dylan Mays, 19, Evansville, faces charges of second-degree burglary and theft.

■ Darrell G. Cox, 59, 100 block of Rankin Avenue, faces charges of manufacturing meth and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Carrie R. Bean, 34, 1100 block of Powell Street, faces a charge of first-degree criminal mischief.

■ Sidney E. Perry Jr., 31, 2000 section of Wilson Station Road, faces charges of third-degree escape, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Brandon Stone, 37, 2200 block of Greenbriar Drive, faces a charge of theft.

Lotteries

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 7-9-12-23
Cash ball: 4
Kicker: 9-8-7-5-0
Decades of dollars: 4-8-11-12-13-25
5 Card Cash: 10D-3D-2S-QD-8D
Pick 4-midday: 8-8-2-9
Pick 4-evening: 7-6-7-3
Pick 3-midday: 3-4-2
Pick 3-evening: 2-4-8
Powerball jackpot: $60 million

INDIANA

Cash 5: 7-14-16-36-39
Daily 4-midday: 0-8-8-1
Daily 4-evening: 7-9-3-3
Daily 3-midday: 0-7-9
Daily 3-evening: 5-3-3
Lotto jackpot: $3.5 million

ILLINOIS

Lucky Day Lotto: 3-5-18-26-33
Pick 4-midday: 0-1-5-6
Pick 4-evening: 4-4-1-3
Pick 3-midday: 2-5-6
Pick 3-evening: 5-5-3
My 3-midday: 3-7-1
My 3-evening: 9-6-5
Lotto jackpot: $3.05 million
Mega Millions jackpot: $39 million

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Local & Regional

School shooter loses bid to withdraw plea

By Brett Barrouquere
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE – A man who killed three classmates at a Kentucky high school in 1997 on Thursday lost his bid to withdraw a guilty plea after a federal appeals court concluded he could have acted sooner to seek a new trial.

The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati ruled that 29-year-old Michael Adam Carneal was competent as early as 2004 and could have challenged the plea then.

Carneal, then a 14-year-old freshman, shot at a school prayer meeting Dec. 1, 1997, at Heath High School in Paducah, killing 17-year-old Jessica James, 15-year-old Kayce Steger and 14-year-old Nicole Hadley. Five others were wounded.

The killings, two years before the fatal attack at Columbine High School in Colorado, garnered national attention at a time when mass school shootings were uncommon.

It came two months after a school shooting in Pearl, Miss., that killed three and injured seven. Then, on April 20, 1999, two students attacked Columbine High School, killing 12 students, a teacher and themselves.

The ruling in Carneal's case came the same day as students in Newtown, Conn., returned to school after 26 people were killed by a gunman on campus in December.

Carneal was sentenced to life in prison with parole eligibility after 25 years. Missy Jenkins Smith of Murray, who survived the shooting but sustained spinal shock, praised the ruling as "good news"

Smith, who has visited Carneal in prison and attended multiple hearings in the case, is waiting for the day 10 years from now when Carneal becomes parole eligible for the first time.

"I'm definitely going to be there when it comes up," Smith said.

In the unsigned two-page opinion by the appeals court, judges Boyce Martin, Danny Boggs and Curtis Collier found that U.S. District Judge Thomas B. Russell correctly concluded that Carneal suffered from a mental illness but could function rationally in prison, even when his mental illness raged.

The appeals court relied on Russell's conclusions. Russell found that Carneal, who is incarcerated at the Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange, could have attacked the guilty plea sooner, but didn't, so the clock ran out.

Tower cleaners



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Perched in a basket 120 feet high, Brad Eberle, right, and Kenny Kennedy with Sam Estes Painting and Sandblasting of Maceo, use a power washer at 5,000 psi to clean accumulated grime off the City of Owensboro's water tower near Frederica Street and U.S. 60, Thursday in Owensboro

Kentucky seeks $7.1 million in bridge collapse

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE – Kentucky officials are seeking $7.1 million in damages from the company that operated a cargo ship that struck a bridge over the Tennessee River, causing the span to collapse.

The claim by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is the largest among the more than $7.8 million in damages sought by businesses and residents near the wreck site in western Kentucky.

BellSouth Telecommunications filed a $59,000 damages claim, and the owners of a nearby restaurant filed a $33,000 claim for lost income while the bridge was being repaired for four months.

The claims were made public Thursday as part of a filing by Foss Maritime, which owns the M/V Delta Mariner, the ship that struck the Eggner's Ferry Bridge near Aurora a year ago. The company has asked a federal judge to rule it was not responsible for causing the collapse because some of the bridge's lights were not working. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials acknowledged that some bridge lights were out, but said the Coast Guard issued a series of warnings to mariners about the bridge before the wreck.

McConnell called obstructionist

■ Fiscal cliff credit was 'forced'

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE – U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell's prominent role in fiscal cliff negotiations drew a derisive review back home Thursday from a longtime critic who branded the top Senate Republican as an entrenched obstructionist.

Kentucky State AFL-CIO President Bill Londrigan joined a group of McConnell opponents outside the federal courthouse to blame the state's senior senator for a surge in filibusters since Republicans lost power in the Senate.

They pressed McConnell — the Senate minority leader who is up for re-election in 2014 — to support a proposal to put limits on filibusters.

The criticism came days after McConnell negotiated with Vice President Joe Biden, his longtime Senate colleague, to craft an eleventh-hour deal that averted across-the-board tax increases and spending cuts.

Economists warned the combined impact of higher taxes and spending cuts would hurl the economy back into recession.

"If he deserves credit, it's credit that would be forced on him," Londrigan said of McConnell in an interview. "So he pushes us to the brink and he had to negotiate. Gee whiz, it's about time."

The McConnell opponents pointed to a new report from Public Campaign Action Fund, a nonprofit, nonpartisan group, that claims many of McConnell's corporate backers have benefited from the Kentucky Republican's efforts to stall legislation.

A McConnell spokesman responded that it was the senator's opponents who are out of touch.

"The fact that this shameless hack-job is peddled on the same week Sen. McConnell is credited by Republicans and Democrats alike for saving the country from falling off the fiscal cliff shows how partisan and out of touch the authors of this garbage really are," McConnell spokesman Robert Steurer said.

Londrigan accused McConnell of a "strategy of obstructionism" that has led to a spike in Senate filibusters, a procedural tactic that lets the minority party block bills that lack the support of at least 60 senators.

"Congress is broken and isn't working for everyday Americans, but it is working for lobbyists and big-money donors," he said.

In a Senate speech as the new Congress convened Thursday, McConnell sounded eager to tackle budget cuts, saying the recent fiscal cliff deal "settled the revenue debate for good." He said that federal health-care entitlement programs should be part of the equation.

Meanwhile, Londrigan acknowledged that any Democrat running against McConnell next year will face "a difficult challenge."

Briefs

School staff douses fire in Cairo kitchen

County firefighters responded to a kitchen fire at Cairo Elementary School mid-morning Thursday.

Cairo Volunteer Fire Chief Keith Phillips said a small grease fire ignited in the kitchen around 10:30 a.m.

"(Kitchen staff) had it out before we got there," he said. "They did a good job."

Phillips said no one was injured and the flames were contained to one fryer.

He said the biggest problem was the grease that had gotten onto the floor. Firefighters stayed to help with the cleanup and left the scene roughly an hour later.

Husband charged in cold case death

BOWLING GREEN – Fourteen years after a southern Kentucky woman went missing, police have taken out a warrant charging her estranged husband with murder.

The Daily News reports Leland Neal is charged in the death of Carol Neal, a Bowling Green social worker who was reported missing in 1998. Although Carol Neal's body has never been found, hikers found part of her skull in 2003 in a densely wooded area of the Daniel Boone National Forest known as Parker's Mountain.

Warren County Commonwealth's Attorney Chris Cohron said Leland Neal was last seen in 2008 crossing the Mexican border, and there is no record of him returning.

Drakesboro plant on polluter list

LOUISVILLE – A Tennessee Valley Authority coal-fired power plant in western Kentucky has landed on an environmental group's list of top polluters.

The report Thursday from the Environmental Integrity Project says the TVA Paradise Fossil Plant near Drakesboro emitted 1,505 pounds of arsenic, 1,907 pounds of lead and 1,409 pounds of chromium in 2011. The plant was third on the group's metal emissions list that used the most recent data available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Graves County death suspicious

MAYFIELD, Ky. – The death of a western Kentucky woman whose body was found in a home has been ruled suspicious.

Graves County Sheriff Dewayne Redmon told The Paducah Sun an autopsy Wednesday on the body of 52-year-old Wendy Cook showed evidence of foul play. Redmon declined to elaborate, but said the medical examination showed Cook did not die of natural causes. He said there were no indications of a struggle or evidence of robbery.

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Editorial

Fiscal policy brinkmanship will continue

We have the feeling that, fiscally speaking, 2013 will be like Groundhog Day, the movie. We'll just keep living brinkmanship over and over.

The late-night congressional voting that averted the notorious fiscal cliff kept us from lurching over the side, but we are by no means on safe ground.

Tea partiers who voted against the 11:59-hour compromise, led by House majority leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., are hoping to get their revenge when a vote on extending the debt ceiling occurs in a few weeks.

They make clear they don't care that refusing to extend the borrowing limit would put at grave risk the full faith and credit of the United States by not paying bills already incurred.

They unsuccessfully voted against extension last year, but the uproar caused the nation's credit rating to be downgraded.

The New Year's Day agreement raises taxes on individuals earning over $400,000 and couples earning over $450,000 a year and preserves the Bush-era tax cuts for everyone else.

But paychecks will be slimmer this year; the employee share of the payroll tax increases to 6.2 percent from 4.2 percent.

As a result of last-minute congressional shenanigans, tax planning and filing this year will be even more of a headache. And don't expect a timely refund.

We have no illusions that Congress is now functional or that our fiscal house is in order.

Congress still must figure out spending priorities.

Does defense trump everything else? Will Medicaid be cut? Is the age for qualifying for Social Security and Medicare benefits rising? We don't know.

After his short-term victory on taxes, what will President Barack Obama accomplish in his second term?

New gun control measures? Immigration reform? Serious changes to the tax code? We can't even guess.

Politics is supposed to be the art, yes, art, of compromise.

But the leaderless Republican Party is so fractured, it can't compromise without chaos.

Polls tell us public approval of the 112th Congress is 11 percent. We wonder who those people are and of what they approve.

The 113th Congress now takes over; our expectations are low.

YOUR TURN

Do you have an opinion on these or other issues? Send your letters to Editor, The Gleaner, Box 4, Henderson, KY 42419 or email them to letters@thegleaner.com.
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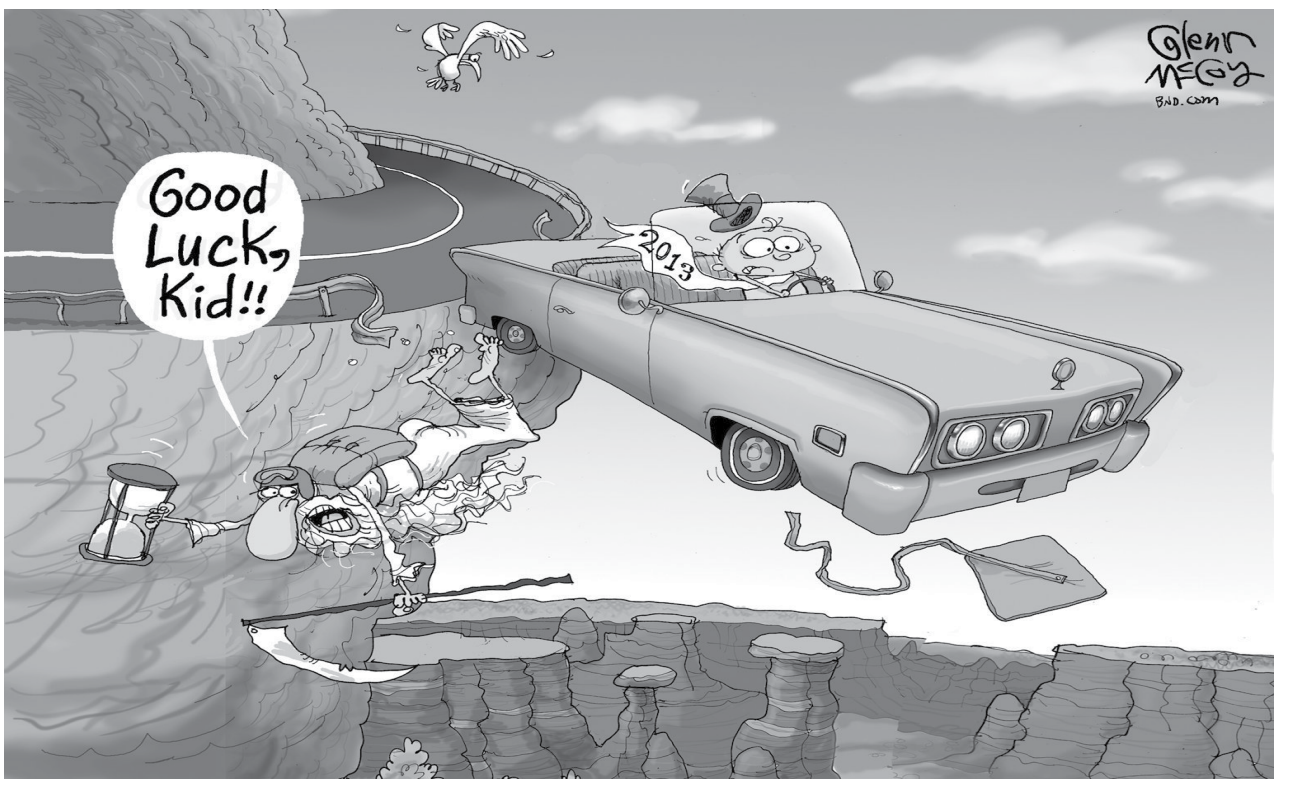
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Origins of the term 'fiscal cliff'

REG HENRY
COLUMNIST

You may have wondered how the term "fiscal cliff" came to be coined. Not surprisingly, this phrase lately much in the news was the work of a government advisory committee.

Charged with making the economic situation so bleak and scary that Congress might actually be tempted to do its job, the Metaphor Utilization and Standardization Board was charged with coming up with some pithy description of the nation's economic peril, the better to prompt action.

Thus, the fiscal cliff was born. Unfortunately, it had problems from the start.

For one thing, it is hard to imagine a fiscal cliff. What is it exactly? Understanding the cliff is not the hard part of the comprehension riddle. After all, we have all seen our share of different cliffs and some of us have fallen off them (alcohol was not involved, Your Honor). There are chalky cliffs, icy cliffs, towering cliffs, jagged cliffs, to name but a few, but until now never a fiscal cliff.

What is a fiscal cliff made of? Is it bundles of cash piled to a great height? Is it copies of the IOUs on the debt we owe China, together with a few fortune cookies saying, "You are broke!" Is it a mountain of devalued stocks and bonds? Is it a stack of luxury cars and boats as seen on the Wealth Channel? Is it accountants making a human pyramid? Is it millions of bankers' briefcases placed one atop the other?

You see the problem. No explanation is given as to the meaning of the fiscal cliff, yet we were invited to be very scared about falling off it. The only good thing about the term is that it's better than the word "sequestration." Now there's a boring word fit only for government work.

Sequestration means enforced spending cuts that go into effect across the board unless Congress comes up with an alternative — this because a super committee of lawmakers previously wasn't super enough to leap over a tall building of debt in a single bound. Taken together with taxes going back up to pre-George W. Bush levels if not acted upon, that would be the falling off the fiscal cliff to the valley of misery below.

As for me, I would like to do my patriotic part and be scared, but the metaphor of the fiscal cliff has failed me.

Congress did something — for once — and the crisis has been averted.

But I look at the long term, because I believe in American exceptionalism. I believe that America, despite the exceptional dimwits in Congress, has an exceptional talent for muddling through.

My hope is that next time the national underwear is in a knot the Metaphor Utilization and Standardization Board will listen to private sector suggestions for frightening Congress and the public.

How much more alarming would the situation have been if, instead of the fiscal cliff, the metaphor had been made more potent to the ears of its intended audience?

After people got their hopes up that the world was going to end, according to ancient Mayan calendar-makers, the warning of a fiscal cliff seemed rather insipid.

As it was, the fiscal cliff was frightening only to those afraid of heights.

Instead of a fiscal cliff, how about warning of a deadline for a feather duster being placed under the armpits of the U.S. economy, or for we the people being placed in an MRI machine infested with ravenous squirrels, or simply for the prospect that the fiscal doo-doo was going to suck everybody under? Now that would have gotten America's attention and alerted members of Congress that it was doo or die.

Happy New Year to all and remember that the choice going forward is either to laugh or to cry.

Islamist threat is second to none

CLIFFORD D. MAY
COLUMNIST

Robert D. Kaplan has long been among America's most insightful analysts of global trends. I would rather argue with him than agree with most others. Right now, I'm going to do a bit of both.

In "Toxic Nationalism," an essay published in the Wall Street Journal last week, Kaplan observes that "Western elites" regard their beliefs as "universal values." Because they approve of "women's liberation," they conclude that all thinking people from Albania to Zanzibar believe in women's liberation. Western elites place a priority on "human rights," assuming that to be the consensus view. Western elites are convinced that international organizations are breaking down the remaining "boundaries separating humanity," so that must be what they're doing, and what they seek to do.

These are, Kaplan understands, illusions: "In country after country, the Westerners identify like-minded, educated elites and mistake them for the population at large. They prefer not to see the regressive and exclusivist forces —such as nationalism and sectarianism — that are mightily reshaping the future."

He cites, as an example, Egypt where the hope that decades of dictatorship were giving way to liberal democracy has faded. His explanation: "Freedom, at least in its initial stages, unleashes not only individual identity but, more crucially, the freedom to identify with a blood-based solidarity group. Beyond that group, feelings of love and humanity do not apply. That is a signal lesson of the Arab Spring."

I think Kaplan is right on all points save one: The Islamists who are coming to power are not a "blood-based solidarity group." They are a religion-based solidarity group. Egyptian Islamists feel no solidarity with Egyptian Christians despite blood ties tracing back millennia. This is a crucial distinction, one which makes "Western elites," Kaplan included, profoundly uncomfortable, which is why they ignore or deny it.

Kaplan — who holds the catchy title of "chief geopolitical analyst for Stratfor, a private global intelligence firm" — goes on to worry that in Europe there is now "a resurgence of nationalism and extremism." He's not wrong, but is it remotely conceivable that the skinheads and neo-Nazis in Finland, Ukraine and Greece pose as serious a threat to freedom and human rights as do the jihadists of al-Qaida and Iran, or even the more gradualist Islamists of the Muslim Brotherhood?

Similarly, in Asia, Kaplan sees China, Japan and other nations "rediscovering nationalism," undermining the conventional wisdom that "we live in a post-national age."

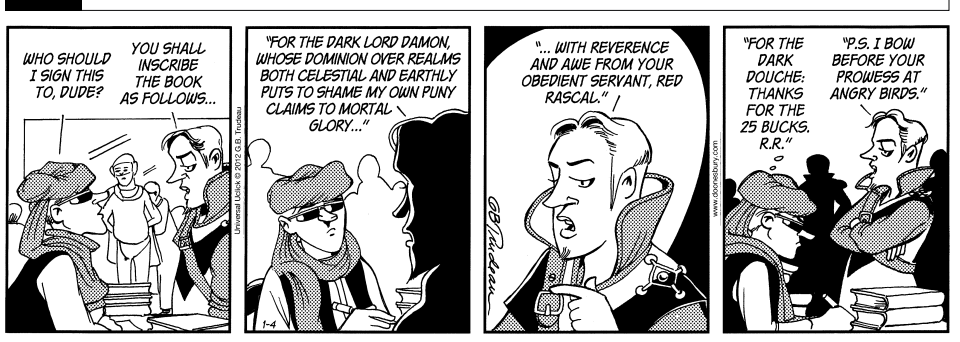
Islamists insist that one's primary identity is — and must be — based on religion, not nationality, not citizenship, not race, not class. More to the point, they demand that their religion be acknowledged as superior to all others. They are committed to making their religiously derived ideology the basis for revolutionary transformation not only in the so-called Muslim world but also in Africa, Asia, Europe, the United States — anywhere there are Muslims who can be enlisted into the struggle. As Hassan al-Banna, founder of the Muslim Brotherhood famously put it: "It is the nature of Islam to dominate, not to be dominated, to impose its law on all nations and to extend its power to the entire planet."

They see the global map not as fractured into blood-based nations squabbling over "space" but divided into just two spheres: the Dar al-Islam, the realm where Muslims rule, and the Dar al-Harb, where infidels still hold power and must be fought and, in time, decisively defeated so that the Dar al-Islam can become universal.

That said, there may be conceptual utility in Kaplan's vision of a global "battle between two epic forces: Those of integration based on civil society and human rights, and those of exclusion based on race, blood and radicalized faith." Note that in this last phrase Kaplan has at least acknowledged that religion is shaping the international conflict now underway.

"To see what is in front of one's nose," George Orwell once wrote, "needs a constant struggle." By calling attention to a dangerous reality to which Western elites are closing their eyes, Kaplan has rendered a service. But there's more to it than he's acknowledged and less time than we might like to get it in focus.

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Pregnancy drug trial begins today

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON – At first, the Melnick sisters thought it was just a cruel coincidence that two of them were diagnosed with breast cancer.

But when two more sisters were given the same diagnosis, they came to suspect that a drug their mother took in the 1950s while she was pregnant had something to do with it.

The four sisters are now suing a former maker of DES, or diethylstilbestrol, in a case set to unfold in federal court today, when it will become one of the first of scores of such claims around the U.S. to go to trial. The Melnick women are seeking unspecified damages.

The numerous pharmaceutical companies that made or marketed the drug argue that no firm link has been established between breast cancer and DES, a synthetic estrogen that was prescribed to millions of women from the late 1930s to the early 1970s to prevent miscarriage, premature birth and other problems.

It was eventually pulled from the market after being linked to a rare vaginal cancer in women whose mothers used DES. And studies showed the drug did not prevent miscarriages after all.

All four Melnick sisters had miscarriages, fertility problems or other reproductive tract problems long suspected of being caused by prenatal exposure to DES. Then in 2008, one of the sisters read about a study reporting an increased incidence of breast cancer in the daughters of women who took DES during pregnancy.

"That's when we really started to say, 'Wow, there really could be a link. It's not just in our head,' " said Donna Melnick McNeely, a special education assistant from Las Cruces, N.M., who was diagnosed with breast cancer at 49.

Eli Lilly and Co., the Indianapolis-based drug company being sued by the sisters, dominated the market for DES. The company argues in court documents that there is no evidence that the women's mother, Frances Melnick, even took DES. She and her doctor are dead, and the drug company says there are no medical records documenting her treatment.

The Melnick sisters are among 51 women who have DES lawsuits pending in Boston against more than a dozen drug companies. Mediation ordered by a federal judge failed to produce settlements. Jury selection in the Melnick case is set to begin today.

Criminal cases made Pa. AG hand over lawsuit

By Mark Scolforo
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. – Pennsylvania's attorney general said she granted Gov. Tom Corbett the authority to file a federal antitrust lawsuit against the NCAA because the litigation could present a conflict of interest as her office prosecutes three Penn State administrators.

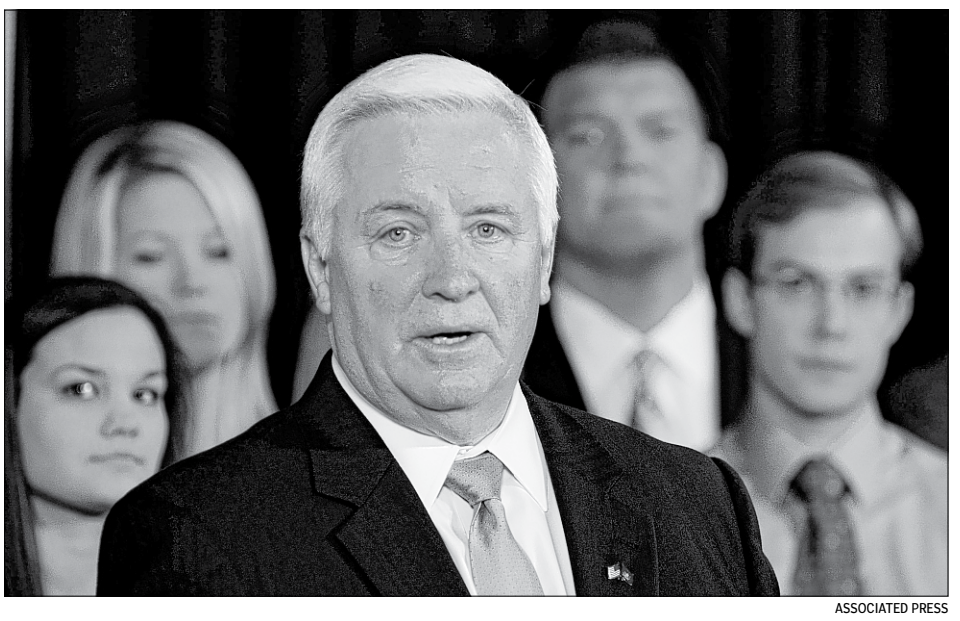
Attorney General Linda Kelly told The Associated Press on Thursday that "an actual conflict of interest could, and likely would, arise if this office were involved in both cases."

Her office is prosecuting Graham Spanier, Gary Schultz and Tim Curley on charges of endangering the welfare of children, obstruction, conspiracy, failure to report suspected child abuse and perjury. Prosecutors claim they illegally covered up complaints and suspicions about Jerry Sandusky, a former defensive coordinator who was convicted last summer of 45 counts of child sexual abuse, including attacks inside campus facilities.

Corbett sued the NCAA in federal court Wednesday, saying a set of penalties imposed against Penn State over its handling of the matter should be thrown out on antitrust grounds. The school agreed to a $60 million fine, a four-year ban on postseason play, a reduction in scholarships and the elimination of more than 100 wins under former coach Joe Paterno.

The size and scope of the criminal case made it "untenable" for the attorney general's office to sue the NCAA, Kelly said.

"Given the serious nature of both these cases, keeping these matters separate is the best course of action for the people of Pennsylvania," she said.



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Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett speaks at a news conference Wednesday in State College, Pa. He said the NCAA overstepped its authority by imposing hefty sanctions on Penn State University in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky child molestation scandal.

Across the nation

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Britain extradites al-Qaida suspect

WASHINGTON – Police in Britain have extradited a terror suspect to the United States to face charges that he took part in an alleged al-Qaida plot to detonate explosives aboard the New York City subway system.

British authorities handed over Abid Naseer, 26, to U.S. authorities on Thursday.

Prosecutors want Naseer to stand trial in New York for his alleged role in a terror campaign that also would have struck targets in Britain and Norway.

KANSAS

Attorney criticizes sperm-donor law

TOPEKA – Kansas law governing artificial insemination is outdated and fails to recognize modern concepts of family, according to the attorney for a Topeka man being pursued to pay child support for a girl born to a lesbian couple as the result of his sperm donation.

Kansas law says a sperm donor is not the father of a child if a doctor handles the artificial insemination. But the law does not specifically address the donor's rights and obligations when no doctor was involved, as was the case in 2009, when William Marotta donated sperm to Jennifer Schreiner and then-partner Angela Bauer, and Schreiner became pregnant.

Lawyer Ben Swinnen argued Thursday that Marotta, 46, can't be declared the father of the now-3-year-old child, because the donor and moms had a written agreement that he had no parental rights or responsibilities. Swinnen also noted that nine states have laws saying a sperm or egg donor is not the parent of a child conceived through artificial reproduction.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Parents appeal for missing journalist

ROCHESTER – From their New Hampshire home, the parents of a foreign journalist who has been missing in Syria since he was kidnapped more than a month ago appealed to his captors for compassion and any information about their son's health and welfare.

James Foley, 39, was kidnapped Nov. 22 in northwest Syria by gunmen, his parents said Thursday. He was in the country contributing videos to Agence France-Press, which has vowed to help secure his release.

"I appeal to the people who have Jim to let us know where he is and to help us secure his release," John Foley said. "We just pray that he's released."

CALIFORNIA

Unique Martian rock excites scientists

LOS ANGELES – Scientists are abuzz about a coal-colored rock from Mars that landed in the Sahara desert: A year-long analysis revealed it's quite different from other Martian meteorites.

Not only is it older than most, it also contains more water, tests showed. The baseball-size meteorite, estimated to be 2 billion years old, is strikingly similar to the volcanic rocks examined on the Martian surface by the NASA rovers Spirit and Opportunity, which found water-bearing minerals.

Wire reports

Around the world

SWITZERLAND

3 killed, 2 wounded in shooting spree

GENEVA – A shooting in southern Switzerland has left three women dead, two men wounded and raised questions about how a troubled suspect was able to go on a rampage with an old military rifle.

The shooting — which came on the eve of students' return to classes in Newtown, Conn., after a horrific school shooting — also highlighted the easy access to firearms in gun-loving nations.

The suspect, a 33-year-old unemployed man living on disability payments, fired about 20 shots Wednesday night in the village of Daillon, authorities in the Swiss canton (state) of Valais said Thursday.

He opened fire from his apartment and pursued people in the street, police said. Armed with a Swiss military rifle and a handgun, he then threatened to shoot the officers sent in to stop him, police said.

SYRIA

Deadly bombings shake up capital

Twin airstrikes by government jets on a large, rebel-held suburb of Damascus on Thursday sheared the sides off apartment towers and left residents digging through rubble for the dead and wounded.

The bombing of Douma came amid a wave of attacks on rebellious districts of the Syrian capital, part of the government's efforts to keep rebel fighters out of President Bashar Assad's seat of power. Late Thursday, a car bomb exploded at a gas station inside the city itself, killing at least nine people, activists said.

Douma, the largest patch of rebel-held ground near Damascus, illustrates why the opposition's advance on the capital has bogged down. Despite capturing territory and setting up committees to provide basic services, the rebels lack the firepower to challenge Assad's forces and remain helpless before his air force.

That stalemate suggests the war will not end soon.

WEST BANK

Failed arrest ignites protest, mistrust

RAMALLAH – Israeli undercover troops broke into a West Bank apartment building in a failed arrest raid Thursday, igniting a violent protest and signaling that Israeli-Palestinian security coordination may be in trouble, officials said.

Thursday's raid targeted a suspected Islamic militant and marked the second time this week an army operation sparked clashes. Palestinians accused Israel of taking provocative actions in retaliation for their successful bid in November to win U.N. recognition of a state of Palestine in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem, the territories Israel captured in 1967.

Israel's military denied it was walking away from coordination with the security forces of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, whose self-rule government administers just over one-third of the West Bank, where more than 90 percent of the Palestinians live.

Palestinian officials said Thursday's operation began when undercover troops, followed by uniformed soldiers in more than a dozen jeeps, broke into an apartment building on the outskirts of the West Bank town of Jenin. The apparent target, an activist in the militant Islamic Jihad group, was not in the area.

Wire reports



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Students protest a leader of the ruling Congress party, who was accused of raping a woman Thursday in a village in Gauhati, India. Footage on Indian television showed women surrounding Bikram Singh Brahma, ripping off his shirt and repeatedly slapping him across the face.

Gang rape, murder leads to five arrests in New Delhi

By Ravi Nessman and Ashok Sharma
Associated Press

NEW DELHI – Five men accused of raping a university student for hours on a bus as it drove through India's capital were charged Thursday with murder, rape and other crimes that could bring them the death penalty.

The attack on the 23-year-old woman, who died of severe internal injuries over the weekend, provoked a fierce debate across India about the routine mistreatment of women and triggered daily protests demanding action.

In a nation where court cases often linger for years, the government set up a special fast-track court Wednesday to deal with crimes against woman, and that is where the charges against the five men were filed Thursday evening. The government said it planned to open four more such courts in the city.

Prosecutor Rajiv Mohan filed a case of rape, tampering with evidence, kidnapping, murder and other charges against the men. The charge sheet was not released, and he asked for a closed trial. A hearing was set for Saturday.

The men charged were Ram Singh, the bus driver; his brother Mukesh Singh, who cleans buses for the same company; Pavan Gupta, a fruit vendor; Akshay Singh, a bus washer; and Vinay Sharma, a fitness trainer. They did not appear in court. Authorities have said they would push for the death penalty for the men.

In a sign attitudes might be changing, and that even powerful men are being held accountable, police in the northeastern state of Assam arrested a leader of the ruling Congress party Thursday on accusations he raped a woman in a village in the early hours of the morning.

Footage on Indian television showed the extraordinary scene of local women surrounding the man, ripping off his shirt and repeatedly slapping him across the face.

Police said the man, Bikram Singh Brahma, was visiting the village of Santipur on the Bhutan border when he entered a woman's house and raped her at 2 a.m. Amid the screams, villagers ran to the home and captured the man, said G.P. Singh, a senior police officer in the area.

"We are taking this issue very seriously," Singh said.

U.S. drones kill senior Taliban official

By Rebecca Santana and Ishtiaq Mahsud
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD – An American drone strike in Pakistan has killed a top Taliban commander who sent money and fighters to battle the U.S. in Afghanistan but had a truce with the Pakistani military, officials said Thursday.

While the death of Maulvi Nazir was likely to be seen in Washington as affirmation of the necessity of the controversial U.S. drone program, it could cause more friction in already tense relations with Pakistan because Nazir did not focus on Pakistani targets.

Nazir was killed when two missiles slammed into a house in a village in South Waziristan while he was meeting with supporters and fellow commanders. Eight other people were killed, according to five Pakistani security officials.

A U.S. official confirmed the death of Nazir, along with an unspecified number of "trusted deputies."

Nazir and those killed were "directly involved in planning and executing cross-border attacks on coalition forces in Afghanistan, as well as providing protection for al-Qaida fighters in South Waziristan," said the official.

At least four people were killed in a separate drone strike Thursday in the North Waziristan tribal region.

America's use of drones against militants in Pakistan has increased substantially under President Barack Obama, and the program killed a number of top militants in the past year.

In 'Promised land,' Hollywood faces fracking; accuracy on cutting room floor

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press



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This image provided by Focus Features shows Matt Damon starring as Steve Butler in Gus Van Sant's contemporary drama, "Promised Land."

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — The new movie "Promised Land" digs into the fierce national debate over fracking, the technique that's generated a boom in U.S. natural gas production while also stoking controversy over its possible impact on the environment and human health.

Written by and starring Matt Damon and John Krasinski, the film comes at an opportune time for a big-screen exploration of the issues surrounding the shale gas revolution, with cheap natural gas transforming the nation's energy landscape and "fracking" now a household word.

But viewers shouldn't necessarily expect a realistic treatment of drilling and fracking. It's not that kind of film.

Lending an air of authenticity, the movie was shot in Pennsylvania, where thousands of wells have been drilled and fracked in recent years as industry heavyweights pull huge volumes of gas from the sprawling Marcellus Shale, a rock formation deep below the surface of the Earth.

But "Promised Land" spends little time explaining how energy companies actually go about pulling natural gas out of the ground, and what little explanation the movie does provide is simply not very accurate.

The Focus Features release instead concentrates on another aspect of the drilling boom — the battle for hearts and minds as gas companies seek to lease land for drilling while environmentalists warn of the perils of punching a bunch of holes in the ground. Bewildered landowners, meanwhile, are left to sort out the competing claims and counterclaims.

It's potentially fertile territory. In real life, drilling companies injected millions of dollars into moribund local economies, transforming sleepy villages in Pennsylvania and other states into boomtowns almost overnight. But the industry also sowed division, pitting neighbor against neighbor as some residents complained of ruined water wells and other environmental degradation. Many others, judging by recent public opinion surveys, heralded the prosperity that drilling creates and the abundant homegrown energy it produces.

Even here, though, the movie seeks to entertain more than enlighten, with an implausible plot twist undermining what could have been a realistic portrayal of life as it is really lived in the gas fields.

"Promised Land" follows Steve Butler (Damon), a gas company salesman who shows up in an economically struggling small town in Pennsylvania that happens to sit atop a vast reserve of gas. His task: To get residents to sign on the dotted line, promising them they'll become instant millionaires once the gas starts flowing from the shale underneath their land. Standing in his way is Dustin Noble (Krasinski), an environmental activist determined to convince townsfolk they don't want what the driller is selling.

Damon's character repeatedly points out that drilling has brought new life to struggling towns, calls U.S. reliance on foreign sources of energy "insane," and defends fracking as a technology with a proven track record of safety. And he seems to believe it himself, at least initially.

But the film leaves little doubt as to where its sympathies lie.

"Nobody's going to be disingenuous here. If you were expecting a pro-fracking movie from Matt Damon, you were probably living in an alternate universe," Focus Features CEO James Schamus said with a laugh.

But he insisted that "Promised Land" ultimately is not a movie about a highly technical process in which drillers use water, sand and chemicals to break apart gas-bearing shale rock — and it should not be judged by that standard.

"The filmmakers didn't necessarily set out to make, nor did they make, some kind of civics lesson or propaganda movie about fracking," Schamus said.

Rather, he said, the movie is a Frank Capra-style yarn about "working-class identity, about aspiration, about money and what it does to you," with fracking as the vehicle that propels the story and a healthy dose of corporate villainy.

Krasinski says he and Damon tried to avoid too much of a political message. "We really wanted to tell a story about community, about these small towns that are going through very real situations right now, especially with the economic situation as it is," he told the AP.

Yet industry groups and environmental activists alike see "Promised Land" very much as a message film about the perils of the gas boom, and are reacting accordingly.

Drillers — who mounted a furious rebuttal of "Gasland," the 2010 award-winning, anti-drilling HBO documentary — began pushing back against "Promised Land" months ago while simultaneously noting that it is indeed a work of fiction.

"We're taking it seriously, obviously, and we'll be ready to engage folks who may have questions about the development process as a result of the film. But I'm not sure anyone's losing a lot of sleep over it at this point," emailed Chris Tucker of Energy In Depth, an industry public relations group.

"They may have Matt Damon and Jim from `The Office' on their side, but we've got the facts, the science, the consensus of regulators, and a 65-year track record of performance and safety on ours. So we think that's a pretty fair fight."

The Marcellus Shale Coalition, an industry trade group, plans to run ads in 75 percent of Pennsylvania's movie theaters, encouraging "Promised Land" audiences to visit a website that it set up earlier this year to answer questions about shale gas.

"It's difficult to fact-check a work of fiction, so I don't know if we're going to be able to do that any more than we can fact-check 'Batman,'" said spokesman Steve Forde. "But certainly shale gas development is generating discussion around dinner tables, it's an important discussion to have, and that's the angle we are looking at."

Environmentalists, meantime, are positively giddy over the film's depiction of an industry they view as dangerous to land, water, air and people. They are planning their own campaign around "Promised Land," including the distribution of anti-drilling leaflets, postcards and petitions to audiences leaving theaters.

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Farming

Effects of drought continue to haunt farmers

MIKE SMITH
UK AG EXTENSION AGENT

Talk to any farmer and one comment always surfaces: "I haven't seen drain tiles running yet." I myself have checked tile lines and even on newly installed line haven't seen them running yet.

Water is the single biggest factor in Henderson County affecting crop yields.

Whether we have too much or too little water there is an effect on yield. We have known for some time that no-till conserves water. It also allows for more purification of water. New data in the last several years though equates cover with the amount of water infiltration in one hour. It shows the ground that has had vertical tillage (shallow) and still maintains 80 percent cover does the best job of absorbing and holding water, provided there isn't a compacted layer. The worst situation in water retention is in a bare no-till situation.

In fact vertical tillage with only 40 percent cover almost doubles the infiltration rate over plowed, disked, or cultivated ground.

Allowing water to move through the soil is not only good for low moisture situations but high moisture situations as well.

We have seen a lot of tile go in over the last three years. It only makes sense to put together a total system to ensure that everything we do works in concert. Only then can we think about improved yields. There is no one magic bullet; it is the total system on how we handle too much or not enough that will raise our five-year average.

I know there has been concern about the lack of moisture.

We still see this part of Kentucky in a drought though not quite as severe as this past June and July.

Though the persistence of 2012 drought conditions is a concern the most recent evaluation of statistical weather data by Scott Irwin and Darrel Good out of the University of Illinois, Department of Agricultural Economic, shows little guidance in forming expectations for precipitation levels next summer.

Historically, odds of favorable or unfavorable growing conditions have been independent of precipitation levels in the last half of this previous year. Though not predicting weather they say there are other factors far more influential than current weather.

Those being El Nino/La Nina/Southern Oscillation events and general climate patterns. Good experts predict risk to be the same as going into any growing season.

Having a good marketing plan starts with locking in expenses and knowing cost of production.

We can let the weather take care of itself if we take care of our end.

FSA issues reminder to foreign agriculture landowners, investors



PATTI KARN
COLUMNIST

The Farm Service Agency in Kentucky reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Any foreign person who acquires transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use.

For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural.

Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Henderson County FSA office or visit the USDA Web site at http://www.usda.gov.

SURE PROGRAM

The SURE program authorizes assistance to farmers and ranchers who suffered crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through Sept. 30, 2011.

To be eligible for SURE, a farm must have:

- At least a 10-percent production loss on a crop of economic significance;
- A policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for all economically significant crops;
- Been physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a Secretarial Disaster Designation.
- Without a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may be eligible if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

A 'farm' for SURE purposes means the entirety of all crop acreage in all counties that a producer planted or intended to be planted for harvest for normal commercial sale or on-farm livestock feeding, including native and improved grassland intended for haying.

- Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

For more information on the 2011 SURE program contact the Henderson County FSA Office.

REMINDERS

- Hispanic and Women Class Process: call 1-888-508-4429 or visit www.farmerclaims.gov
- The county office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, for the Martin Luther King holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 8 a.m.

Protecting the harvest



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Miguel Hernandez covers a cotton module in a field near the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community last month near Scottsdale, Ariz. For Arizona growers, the annual cotton harvest is more than just a reminder of the state's agricultural tradition, it's all about business, the global economy and adapting to a changing landscape.

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FROM THE COVER

Clashes loom as new Congress opens

Spending cuts, tax code overhaul top list

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new Congress opened for business Thursday to confront long-festering national problems, deficits and immigration among them, in an intensely partisan and crisis-driven era of divided government. "The American dream is in peril," said House Speaker John Boehner, re-elected to his post despite a mini-revolt in Republican ranks.

Moments after grasping an oversized gavel that symbolizes his authority, Boehner implored the assembly of newcomers and veterans in the 113th Congress to tackle the nation's heavy burden of debt at long last. "We have to be willing — truly willing — to make this right."

Also on the two-year agenda is the first significant effort at an overhaul of the tax code in more than a quarter century. Republicans and Democrats alike say they want to chop at a thicket of existing tax breaks and use the resulting revenue to reduce rates.

There were personal milestones aplenty as the winners of last fall's races swore an oath of office as old as the republic.

Sens. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, Mazie Hirono of Hawaii and Deb Fischer of Nebraska were among the newcomers sworn in, raising the number of women in the Senate to a record 20. Tim Scott of South Carolina became the first black Republican in the Senate in more than three decades.

On the first day of a new term, one veteran made a stirring comeback. Republican Sen. Mark Kirk of Illinois returned to the Capitol for the first time since suffering a stroke a year ago, walking slowly up the 45 steps to the Capitol with the use of a cane. "Good to see you, guys," he said.

Across the Capitol, children and grandchildren squirmed through opening formalities that ended with Boehner's election as the most powerful Republican in a government where President Barack Obama will soon be sworn in to a second term and his fellow Democrats control the Senate.

"At $16 trillion and rising, our national debt is draining free enterprise and weakening the ship of state," said the Ohio Republican, whose struggles to control his members persisted to the final weekend of the 112th Congress when "fiscal cliff" legislation finally cleared. "The American dream is in peril so long as its namesake is weighed down by this anchor of debt. Break its hold and we will begin to set our economy free. Jobs will come home. Confidence will come back."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he, too, is ready for attempts to rein in federal spending, but laid down a few conditions. "Any future budget agreements must balance the need for thoughtful spending reductions with revenue from the wealthiest among us and closing wasteful tax loopholes," he said. That was in keeping with Obama's remarks after Congress had agreed on fiscal cliff legislation to raise taxes for the wealthy while keeping them level for the middle class.

Boehner and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell have other ideas, both having said in recent days that the days of raising taxes are over.

"Now is the time to get serious about spending," McConnell said. "And if the past few weeks have taught us anything, that means the president needs to show up early this time."

People won't "tolerate the kind of last-minute crises that we've seen again and again over the past four years as a result of this president's chronic inactivity and refusal to lead on the pressing issues of the day."

Line repair



MIKE LAWRENCE/THE GLEANER

Henderson Water Utility workers repair a water line break at the corner of Third and Green streets Wednesday. The break forced the closure of a few blocks of the southbound lanes of Green Street.

BUILDING from **1A**

lis Park last month for a snack bar in the racetrack's new Instant Racing gaming parlor.

■ A $75,000 permit issued by the city to Henderson County Fiscal Court for construction of a maintenance building on the backside of the property at 16 S. Water St. that will also serve as storage for some emergency management agency materials.

■ A $50,000 remodeling permit by the city to Church of God of Prophecy at 626 Fifth St., which was the site of where the former sanctuary of Alms of Faith Crusade for Christ collapsed in August.

■ A $38,000 remodeling permit by the city to Meuth Concrete Services for a maintenance building at 703 Eighth St.

■ A $19,600 remodeling permit by the city to Country Cupboard No. 6 at 1773 S. Green St. for converting a laundromat into a liquor store.

■ A $12,000 permit issued by the county to AT&T for upgrading an existing wireless tower at 2250 S. Green St.

DROPOUTS from **1A**

proposal, saying it could help curb the dropout problem in a state where some 6,000 students quit school before graduating last year.

Proponents say changing the law has societal benefits because dropouts are more likely go to prison or rely on welfare programs.

They say those who get jobs are likely to make more than $300,000 less over their lifetimes than high school graduates.

"What we have found is that most of these children are not dropping out because they can't do the work," Beshear said. "They're dropping out because they're not interested. They don't see the value of finishing their high school education. And it behooves us to get those children into a career pathway that interests them and gets them excited about finishing school."

FARM from **1A**

price of milk to $6 or $7 a gallon, double current prices. The White House and congressional leaders negotiating the fiscal cliff had agreed that the bill would somehow have to avert that "dairy cliff," but it was uncertain how.

Hoping to salvage some of their work, Stabenow and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas, R-Okla., crafted a last-minute extension of 2008 farm law to add to the fiscal cliff package, including help for their own state interests: fruit and vegetable growers plentiful in Michigan, and more than $600 million in emergency money for livestock producers who were affected by drought, a priority for Lucas. In addition to averting the milk price spike, their bill also contained an overhaul of dairy programs, a priority for House Agriculture's top Democrat, Collin Peterson of Minnesota.

The extension Stabenow and Lucas crafted cost around $1 billion — an amount too high and too risky for House and Senate leaders negotiating the broader fiscal cliff deal. According to aides familiar with the talks, the White House and congressional leaders wanted a farm bill extension with no major policy changes or new spending that could subject the entire fiscal cliff bill to opposition.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky added a bare-bones version of a farm bill extension that didn't include money for any of the agriculture leaders' top priorities and renewed other farm programs without any new funding.

The result, the aides said, was a farm bill extension that would keep major programs going but didn't spend any new money. Missing were dollars for some organic programs, environmental programs and several different energy programs for encouraging renewable fuels. Many of those programs were renewed, but without any money.

The reaction from farm-state lawmakers was swift. Stabenow went to the Senate floor called the new bill "absolutely outrageous." Peterson said farm-state leaders had been "disrespected." Stabenow, as well as Lucas, ended up voting for it, Peterson against.

The National Farmers Union issued a statement saying it was "left out in the cold." The long-powerful National Corn Growers Association's statement said the group is "tired of the endless excuses and lack of accountability."

Direct payments, a subsidy that costs $5 billion annually and is paid to farmers whether they farm or not, were retained in the agreement. Both a Senate bill passed in June and a House Agriculture Committee bill passed in July had cut those payments after a consensus in the farm community that those subsidies would be eliminated and redirected.

"That is amazing to me, I have to say. That is absolutely amazing to me. I want to hear someone justify that on the Senate floor," Stabenow said.

Congress to vote today on Sandy relief

Senate expected to follow House vote

By Andrew Miga
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many home and business owners flooded out by Superstorm Sandy could get insurance payouts soon through congressional action expected today on a $9.7 billion bill to replenish the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, which runs the program, warned that it will run out of money next week if Congress doesn't give it additional borrowing authority to pay out claims. Congress created the program in 1968 because few private insurers cover flood damage.

Northeast lawmakers say the money is urgently needed for storm victims awaiting claim checks from the late October storm that was one of the worst to strike the Northeast, ravaging the coast from North Carolina to Maine, with the worst flooding occurring in Atlantic City, N.J., New York City and Long Island and along the Connecticut coastline.

"People are waiting to be paid," said Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-N.J., whose district includes Atlantic City and many other coastal communities hard hit by the storm. "They're sleeping in rented rooms on cots somewhere and they're not happy. They want to get their lives back on track and it's cold outside. They see no prospect of relief."

House Speaker John Boehner promised a House vote today after his decision earlier this week to delay an action on a broader Sandy relief package provoked outrage from Northeast Republicans, including New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who said he'd lost trust in GOP leaders in Congress after being promised a vote earlier this week.

If the House, as expected, approves the flood insurance proposal, the Senate plans to follow with a likely uncontested vote later today, according to a Senate Democratic leadership aide.

About 140,000 Sandy-related flood insurance claims have been filed, FEMA officials said, and most have yet to be closed out. Many flood victims have only received partial payments on their claims.

Philip Rock has received $8,000 in flood insurance payments so far, but said he is awaiting a statement on the final amount, which he expects to be much more. A house he owns in Toms River, N.J., had a $220,000 flood insurance policy. The house, which he rents out, was destroyed, and he needs to know the final payout before he can demolish it.

The flood insurance measure is the first phase of a proposed Sandy aid package. Under Boehner's new schedule, the House will vote Jan. 15 on an additional $51 billion in Sandy recovery money. Senate action on that measure is expected the following week.

APPEAL from **1A**

tration panel's ruling.

Now, Big Rivers is taking that ruling to the Court of Appeals, the state's second-highest court, to review the correctness of the circuit court's decision.

"We continue to believe the arbitrators got this wrong," Big Rivers President and CEO Mark Bailey said Thursday afternoon.

"We understand we have a very narrow basis for appeal," he said, "but we believe (that the arbitration panel's method for resolving the power dispute) cannot be done on a practical and day-to-day basis, and we have some concerns about the legality of it."

Big Rivers is being indemnified — including having its legal expenses paid — by LG&E and KU Energy LLC, a former operator of Station Two.

"We work cooperatively them, and we both believe this is the best course," Bailey said.

HMP&L General Manager Gary Quick couldn't be reached for comment Thursday.

The defendants in the case are Henderson Utility Commission, which oversees HMP&L, and the city of Henderson.

Henderson man jailed on child pornography charges

Gleaner staff

A 66-year-old Henderson man was jailed Thursday on roughly 70 charges related to child pornography.

The Kentucky State Police arrested Tommy W. Carlisle on 10 counts of distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor and 60 counts of possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

Authorities said Carlisle was taken into custody following an investigation by the KSP Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

After serving a search warrant at his residence Thursday afternoon, the state police seized evidence believed to be used to distribute child pornography, officials said.



Tommy Carlisle

The items will be taken to the Kentucky State Police forensic laboratory for examination, a news release said.

Carlisle was lodged at the Henderson County Detention Center without bond.

SLOGAN from **1A**

lege Bound," 79 votes (11.4 percent)

■ "Our Students, Their Success, Your Future," 160 votes (23 percent)

■ "Henderson County Schools — Ready, Set, Global," 36 votes (5.2 percent)

■ "Learners Today ... Leaders Tomorrow," 373 votes (53.6 percent)

■ "Helping Children Succeed," 48 votes (6.9 percent)

The district's goal and vision is to ready students for the next stage in their lives upon high school graduation, Crafton said.

"On a daily basis, Henderson County School employees try to prepare students for college and/or a career, guiding them from being learners today to leaders tomorrow," she said. "Our new slogan is intended for use by students, staff, parents, and community which should create a focused effort on the higher expectations and readiness for life after Henderson County Schools."

The new slogan will be added to the district's logo over time, Crafton said. The updated logo will be displayed on the district's website and embossed on printed materials.

Sports

■ **Wayne's world:** The Indianapolis Colts will try to make Reggie Wayne's dream of a Super Bowl championship come true. 3B



Cards shook up the world

■ Louisville showed it can play with best by stunning Gators in Sugar Bowl

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Terell Floyd and the Louisville Cardinals gave the embattled Big East Conference at least one more triumphant night in a major bowl — and at the expense of a top team from the mighty SEC.

Floyd returned an interception 38 yards for a touchdown on the first play, dual-threat quarterback Teddy Bridgewater directed a handful of scoring drives and No. 22 Louisville stunned the fourth-ranked Gators 33-23 in the Sugar Bowl on Wednesday night.

"I can't speak for the whole Big East, but I can speak for Louisville and I think this means a lot for us," Floyd said. "We showed the world we can play with the best."

The Big East is in a transitional phase and losing some of its top football programs in the process. Boise State has recently backed out of its Big East commitment and Louisville has plans to join the ACC.

Even this year, the Big East wasn't getting much respect. Louisville, the league champion, was a two-touchdown underdog in the Sugar Bowl.

But by the end, the chant, "Charlie, Charlie!" echoed from sections of the Superdome occupied by red-clad Cardinals fans. It was their way of serenading third-year Louisville coach Charlie Strong, the former defensive coordinator for the Gators, who has elevated Cardinals football to new heights and recently turned down a chance to leave for the top job at Tennessee.

"I look at this performance tonight, and I sometimes wonder, 'Why didn't we do this the whole season,'" Strong said. "We said this at the beginning: We just take care of our job and do what we're supposed to do, don't worry about who we're playing."

Shaking off an early hit that flattened him and knocked off his helmet, Bridgewater was 20 of 32 passing for 266 yards and two touchdowns. Among his throws was a pinpoint, 15-yard timing toss that DeVante Parker grabbed as he touched one foot down in the corner of the end zone.

"I looked at what did and didn't work for quarterbacks during the regular season," said Bridgewater, picked as the game's top player. "They faced guys forcing throws ... and coach tells me, 'No capes on your back or 'S' on your chest, take what the defense give you.' That's what I took. Film study was vital."

His other scoring strike went to Damian Copeland from 19 yards one play after a surprise onside kick by the Gators backfired. Jeremy Wright had a short touchdown run that gave Louisville (11-2) a 14-0 lead the Gators couldn't overcome.

Florida (11-2) never trailed by more than 10 points this season. The defeat dropped SEC teams to 3-3 this bowl season, with Alabama, Texas A&M and Mississippi still to play.

"We got outcoached and outplayed," Florida coach Will Muschamp said. "That's what I told the football team. That's the bottom line."

Gators quarterback Jeff Driskel, who had thrown only three interceptions all season, turned the ball over three times on two interceptions — both tipped passes — and a fumble. He finished 16 of 29 for 175 yards.

Down 33-10 midway through the fourth period, Florida tried to rally. Andre Debose scored on a 100-yard kickoff return and Driskel threw a TD pass to tight end Kent Taylor with 2:13 left. But when Louisville defenders piled on Driskel to thwart the 2-point try, the game was essentially over.

Florida didn't score until Caleb Sturgis's 33-yard field goal early in the second quarter.

The Gators finally got in the end zone with a trick play in the closing seconds of the half. They changed personnel as if to kick a field goal on fourth-and-goal from the 1, but lined up in a bizarre combination of swinging-gate and shotgun formations and handed off to Matt Jones.

The Gators tried to keep the momentum with a surprise onside kick to open the third quarter, but not only did Louisville recover, Florida's Chris Johnson was called for a personal foul and ejected for jabbing at Louisville's Zed Evans. That gave Louisville the ball on the Florida 19, from where Bridgewater needed one play to find Copeland for his score.

"We game-planned it and felt good about it," Muschamp said of the onside kick attempt. "We wanted to steal a possession at the start of the second half."

On the following kickoff, Evans cut down kick returner Loucheiz Purifoy with a vicious low, high-speed hit that shook Purifoy up. Soon after, Driskel was sacked hard from behind and stripped by safety Calvin Pryor, ending another Florida drive with a turnover.

"We had the right attitude, had the right mindset that we would go out and beat this team," Pryor said.

After Louisville native Muhammad Ali was on the field for the coin toss, the Cardinals quickly stung the Gators. Floyd, one of nearly three dozen Louisville players from Florida, made the play.

Driskel was looking for seldom-targeted Debose, who'd had only two catches all season.

"I threw it behind him, (he) tried to make a play on it, tipped it right to the guy," Driskel said. "Unfortunate to start the game like that."



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Louisville football players celebrate their victory over Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Wednesday night in New Orleans. The No. 22 Cardinals, who were two-touchdown underdogs, upset the fourth-ranked Gators 33-23.



BUTCH DILL/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Louisville quarterback Teddy Bridgewater (5) watches the pageantry unfold after the Cardinals' 33-23 win over Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Wednesday night in New Orleans. Bridgewater was named the game's most outstanding player.



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Louisville head coach Charlie Strong celebrates with the trophy following the Cardinals' 33-23 win over Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Wednesday night in New Orleans. It was Louisville's second win in as many tries in BCS bowl games.

Cards' success shocked everyone but themselves

By Gary Graves
Associated Press

Louisville's success this season shocked everybody except the No. 22 Cardinals.

That won't be the case next year, not after Louisville upset No. 4 Florida in the Sugar Bowl Wednesday night. Expectations will be high heading into next season.

That's fine with the Cardinals, whose 33-23 victory over the heavily favored Gators brought a huge measure of vindication in a season in which they struggled for respect. After starting 9-0 but remaining outside the Bowl Championship Series title discussion, Louisville earned its second BCS bowl berth.

The landmark win against the Gators raises the bar higher for the Cardinals (11-2). Louisville returns 10 starters on offense and defense. The Cardinals could begin next fall as a top-10 team with coach Charlie Strong returning along with star quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, who figures to be a Heisman Trophy candidate.

Strong and the Cardinals are savoring the moment but they're also thinking about how to build on it.

"We know we still have a long ways to go," said Strong, who last month spurned an offer to be Tennessee's head coach to remain at Louisville. "You look at the teams that we beat this season. We played well, but we had to play well like that all season.

"We were not a consistent team this season. We struggled, had to come from behind seven games. ... I don't want to say where we would be, but we could continue to get better."

Fans greeted the Cardinals at their team complex on their return home Thursday from New Orleans. Athletic department spokesman Kenny Klein said no formal celebration was planned for the team.

Still, the outlook is good reason Louisville to party.

The Cardinals improved to 2-0 in BCS games with the Sugar Bowl win. They led Florida from start to finish, something Louisville hadn't done since Sept. 15 when they beat North Carolina 39-34 in the Cardinals' third game of the season. Louisville's strength of schedule was a constant issue for the Cardinals, who managed to put answer the questions about whether they were legitimate or not with their bowl performance.

The next step is seeing how their 41 freshmen, 31 sophomores and 28 juniors mature next season.

Louisville's ground game could be deep again with second-leading rusher Senorise Perry (705 yards, 11 touchdowns) expected back after tearing his right ACL on Nov. 10. The junior will rejoin a backfield including redshirt freshman Corvin Lamb and juniors Dominique Brown and Jeremy Wright, who rushed for 84 yards and a TD in the bowl win.

However, Sugar Bowl MVP Bridgewater will command most of the attention, especially after his performance on center stage in the nationally televised game against a Southeastern Conference opponent. Bridgewater is the main reason the Cardinals will likely enter next season with the respect they craved this year.

Ohio Co. vs. Henderson Co.
Site: Colonel Gym
Tipoff: Junior varsity 6 p.m., varsity 7:30 p.m.
Records: Henderson Co., 11-2; Ohio Co., 13-3

Cols back home to host Ohio

Gleaner staff

Well-traveled Henderson County opens the new year with only its second home game of the season, taking on Third Region contender Ohio County Friday.

The 11-2 Colonels are likely to have their hands full especially if they are without two of their frontline starters.

Junior forwards Kaleb Duckworth and Cain Cooper have both been battling injuries. Duckworth missed four games after injuring his ankle during the first round of Ohio County's tournament on Dec. 20. Cooper suffered a groin injury in the team's last game, a 56-52 victory over West Jessamine Saturday in the Ashland Invitational.

Coach Tyler Smithhart said he expected Duckworth to play tonight, though he is not 100 percent. Cooper's availability will be a game-time decision, Smithhart said.

Ohio County (13-3) won its own tournament, while Henderson County won the consolation bracket by edging Calloway County 60-59.

■ In tonight's other area games, Union County hosts Webster County in a boy-girl varsity doubleheader. The Lady Trojans (10-1) host the Bravettes (6-5) in the 6 p.m. opener, while the Braves (10-4) and Trojans (7-7) meet in the finale.

Henderson Co. vs. Christian Co.
Site: Christian Co. High School, Hopkinsville
Tipoff: Junior varsity, 6 p.m.; varsity 7:30 p.m.
Records: Henderson Co., 9-1; Christian Co., 3-7
Directions: Take the Pennyrile Parkway south to the first Hopkinsville exit (Exit 11). Turn left onto Kentucky 1682 and then left again at the first stoplight on U.S. 41. Proceed approximately two miles, then turn right at the second stoplight onto Glass Ave. The school is on the right.

Lady Cols will travel to Christian

Gleaner staff

Henderson County looks to bounce back from its first loss of the season as the Lady Colonels visit Second Region rival Christian County tonight.

The 9-1 Lady Colonels play for the first time since Saturday's 55-51 loss to Monroe County in the finals of the Re/Max Holiday Classic at Daviess County.

Christian County (3-7) also played in that eight-team tournament, losing all three games 81-54 to Owensboro Catholic, 66-57 to Meade County and 50-41 to Madisonville.

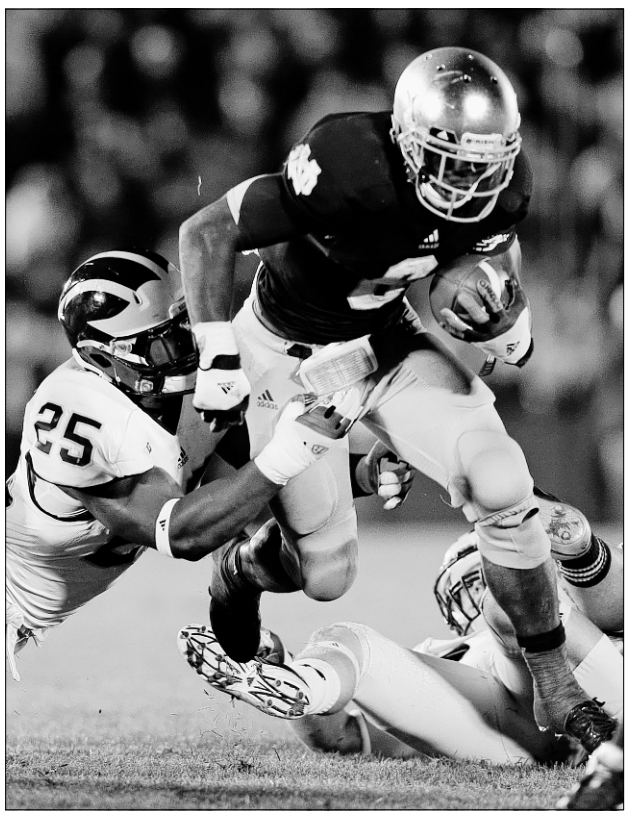
Though she may not play tonight, the eventual return of senior Brooke Tapp will give the Lady Colonels a boost in size and experience in coming weeks. Tapp, who underwent surgery to repair a torn ACL in the summer, was cleared to return to practice last week.

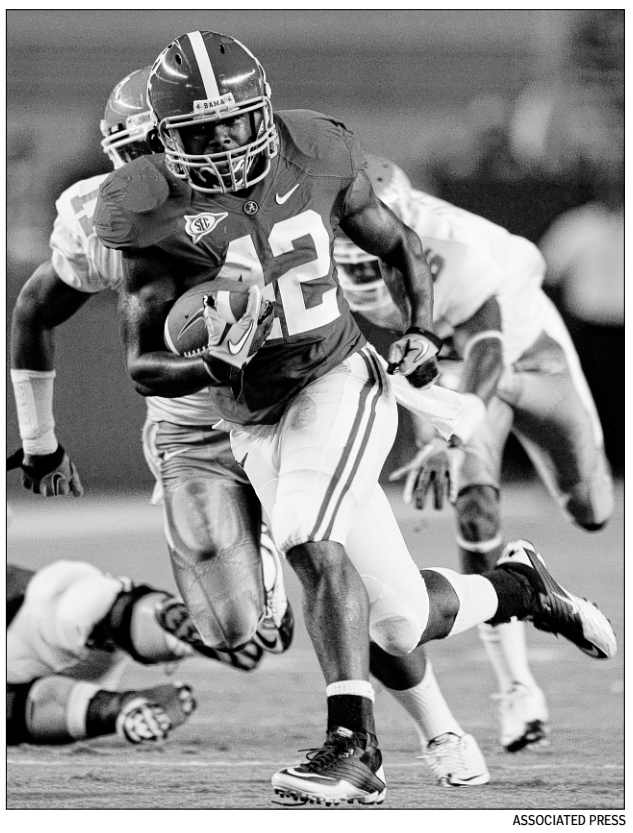
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Crimson Tide, Irish go old school

■ Throwback teams will clash in BCS title game

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press





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At left, Notre Dame's Theo Riddick (6) runs out of the attempted tackle of Michigan's Kenny Demens (25) during a game on Sept. 22, 2012, in South Bend, Ind. At right, Alabama running back Eddie Lacy (42) scores on a long touchdown run against North Texas defensive back Will Wright (11) during a game on Sept. 17, 2011, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. With the national championship on the line, two throwback offenses will slug it out. No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 2 Alabama rely heavily on the run, and that doesn't figure to change in the biggest game of the year.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – The BCS championship is going old school.

In this era of wide-open, pass-happy offenses, college football's ultimate prize will be decided Monday night by two throwback teams, No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 2 Alabama.

The Fighting Irish (12-0) have run for nearly has many yards as they've managed through the air. The Crimson Tide (12-1) is coming off a dominant performance on the ground in the Southeastern Conference championship.

"Alabama is that kind of team where you just know they're going to run the football," Notre Dame defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore said Thursday. "The whole world knows they're going to run the football. Just try to stop us — that's their mentality. It's really kind of cool to see. There's not going to be any tricks or trick plays or anything like that."

The same could be said of the Irish, who are dominant on defense but a bit erratic when they drop back to throw.

While coach Brian Kelly might technically operate out of a modern spread offense, he's scaled back his desire to pile up the points and the passing yards like he did in his previous tenure at Cincinnati. Notre Dame has relied on a running back-by-committee approach and quarterback Everett Golson to wear down opponents, averaging more than 202 yards rushing per game.

Theo Riddick has gained 880 yards and five touchdowns, Cierre Wood has 740 yards and four TDs, while George Atkinson III has chipped in with 361 yards, five TDs and a team-leading 7.1 yards per carry. Golson is also a threat to tuck the ball and run, gaining 305 yards and scoring five times.

"Coach Kelly is known to sling the ball around, but this year we've kind of done both," Lewis-Moore said. "We've run the ball very well with Theo, Cierre and George. We're kind of like a three-headed monster."

If that's the case, then Alabama is a two-headed beast.

Junior Eddie Lacy and freshman T.J. Yeldon have both rushed for 1,000 yards and combined for a staggering 27 touchdowns, taking advantage of what is generally regarded as the best offensive line in the nation.

"It's like old-school football," Lacy said. "We line up in the I-formation and pound it. A lot of teams are in the spread and things like that. We like to keep it old school around here. The old-fashioned way still works."

Indeed, it does.

Just ask Georgia, which lost to Alabama in a thrilling SEC title game.

Facing a defense that might have two players selected in the first round of the NFL draft — and includes several other pro prospects — the Crimson Tide ran wild in its 32-28 victory. Alabama piled up a championship game record with 350 yards rushing, led by Lacy with 181 yards and two scores. Yeldon was nearly as good, tacking on 153 yards and a TD.

From Bob Diaco's perspective, it all starts up front. Notre Dame's defensive coordinator knows he must find a way to cope with the Tide's offensive line, which includes two first-team All-Americans (center Barrett Jones and left guard Chance Warmack) and a second-teamer (right tackle D.J. Fluker). Everyone across the front line weighs more than 300 pounds, and they all play with a bit of a nasty streak.

"They're the finest collection, tackle to tackle, that we've faced so far," Diaco said. "It's not another happy-go-lucky group of offensive linemen. This is an angry, aggressive, intense group of players that plays hard and finishes blocks."

They won't in any way be intimidated by Notre Dame's impressive defensive front, which has allowed only two rushing touchdowns all season.

"The backs are really the battery of that team, the battery of that offense," Diaco continued. "But they're facilitated by the offensive line. The offensive line is really the marquee position group of that pretty marquee offense."

No wonder the Crimson Tide feels no great urge to throw the ball. The team is way down in the NCAA stats when it comes to passing yards — 84th at 214.5 per game — but highly effective when it does go to the air. AJ McCarron is the nation's highest-rated passer, set a school record with 26 touchdown passes, and was intercepted only three times.

Alabama is the more likely team to break off a big play in the passing game, especially with another super freshman, Amari Cooper, averaging nearly 17 yards per catch and hauling in nine touchdown passes.

But it's all set up by the ground game. The Tide has run the ball an eye-popping 525 times, averaging 40 carries a game and far more than its 300 passing attempts. In only one game — a last-minute victory at LSU — has Alabama thrown the ball more than its run it.

Notre Dame is a bit more likely to go to the air, but not by much. The Irish rank 75th in passing yards with an average of 218.3.

"You have to adapt," Kelly said. "That's how we came up the formula this year to play the way we played."

Saban and Kelly led teams out of darkness

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – There were some dark days at Notre Dame and Alabama, dark years really, during which two of college football's proudest programs flailed and foundered.

Notre Dame won the national championship in 1988, then spent much of the next two decades running through coaches — four if you count the guy who never coached a game — and drifting between mediocre and pretty good.

Alabama won the national championship in 1992, then spent the next 15 years running through coaches — four if you count the guy who never coached a game — and drifting between mediocre and pretty good.

As the 21st century dawned, the Fighting Irish and the Crimson Tide were old news, stodgy remnants of a glorious past, not moving fast enough to keep up with the times, and searching for someone to lead them back to the top.

"It parallels Notre Dame to a tee," said Paul Finebaum, who has covered Alabama as a newspaper reporter and radio show host for more than 30 years. "The attitude was `We're Alabama. We don't have to do what others are doing. We'll win because of our tradition.' Finally everyone passed Alabama."

And Notre Dame.

Then along came Nick Saban and Brian Kelly to knock off the rust, fine tune the engines and turn the Crimson Tide and Fighting Irish into the sharpest machines in college football again.

No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 2 Alabama meet Monday night in Miami in a BCS championship between two titans not all that far removed from tough times.

"The pendulum swings," said former Alabama coach Gene Stallings, the last Tide coach before Saban to bring home a national title. "You don't stay good forever. You don't stay bad forever."

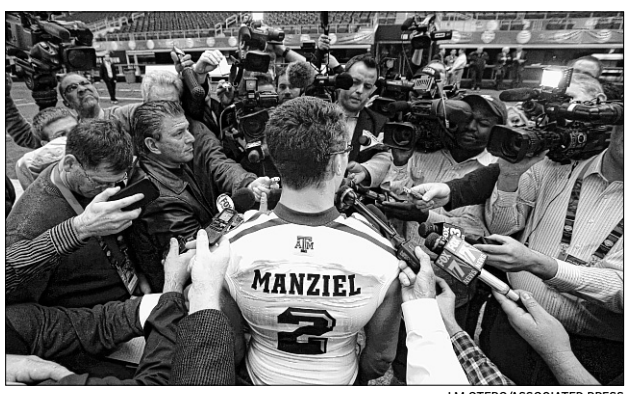
Of course, Alabama and Notre Dame fans aren't real comfortable with the first part of that statement. The Crimson Tide and Fighting Irish were perennial national championship contenders for decades.

For Alabama, replacing Bear proved difficult. Paul Bryant won six national championships in 25 years as the coach in Tuscaloosa, and when he stepped down the Crimson Tide felt compelled to bring back one of his boys, Ray Perkins, to replace him.

For Notre Dame, it is a similar tale. Lou Holtz won that championship in 1988 and made the Fighting Irish a regular title contender, but by the end of his tenure, Notre Dame started to slip and the people in charge were resistant to the types of changes needed to keep up with the competition.

Texas A&M renews OU rivalry in Cotton Bowl

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press



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Texas A&M's Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) talks to reporters during media day for the Cotton Bowl on Sunday, Dec. 30, in Arlington, Texas. Oklahoma and Texas A&M will meet in the Cotton Bowl tonight.

ARLINGTON, Texas – Spencer Nealy and some of his Texas A&M teammates were discussing potential bowl games even before their first SEC season began.

"We were like, how funny would it be if we made the Cotton Bowl," Nealy said. "We were looking at SEC vs. Big 12 teams. That's what we thought about, that situation."

Well, Texas A&M's season of firsts — coach Kevin Sumlin's first year, quarterback Johnny Manziel becoming the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy and the SEC debut — will end with the 10th-ranked Aggies (10-2) playing a familiar Big 12 foe.

In the only bowl matching the SEC against the Big 12, Texas A&M takes on 12th-ranked Oklahoma (10-2) in the Cotton Bowl on Friday night. Both teams have five-game winning streaks.

"It's a little more than a game," Nealy said. "It's almost like we had a great season but we have to win this one."

In their 16 Big 12 seasons, the only time the Aggies won more than nine games was when they were 11-3 their 1998 conference title season. They left the league with a winning record (7-6) last season only after a bowl win over Northwestern.

Once in the SEC, which has six national titles in a row, Texas A&M lost its opener 20-17 to Florida. The other loss was 24-19 to LSU before the current winning streak that includes the Aggies' first-ever road win against a No. 1 team — at SEC champion Alabama, which plays in the BCS title game Monday night.

"The first thing we did was we didn't talk about it very much what happened in the past. It seemed to be what everyone wanted to talk about externally, but internally we just didn't," Sumlin said. "Any time you have to get over a hump or clear a hurdle, you have got to win a game in a certain fashion."

Sumlin pointed to a 30-27 win at Ole Miss the first Saturday in October, when the Aggies overcame six turnovers and were down 10 points with 6½ minutes left. They lost to LSU two weeks later, but haven't lost since.

The Sooners seemed certain of a Bowl Championship Series game after clinching a share of their eighth Big 12 title, even though Kansas State had a tiebreaker giving the Wildcats the league's automatic BCS slot. But Mid-American champion Northern Illinois then qualified as a BCS buster.

"For sure, yes, we were disappointed. I was pretty upset about it," Sooners senior quarterback Landry Jones said. "But fortunate enough for us, we got put into this game, which you can rank them right up with those BCS games. ... It's a really good matchup, so when I heard that we were going to be in the Cotton Bowl, it kind of eased over the disappointment."

Jockey Stevens to make comeback

By Beth Harris
Associated Press



Gary Stevens

LOS ANGELES – Two months shy of his 50th birthday, Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens is launching a comeback this weekend at Santa Anita.

"My passion is still there," Stevens said Thursday in announcing his return after a seven-year retirement. "Or I should say my passion has come back. I've worked a couple of very good horses in the morning at Santa Anita that kind of made the hair stand up on my neck and I haven't felt that in a long time."

Stevens' first race will be Sunday at Santa Anita, with his lone mount in a $50,000 claiming race on a horse named Jebrica.

"I'm going to be selective in what I ride and if that means not riding at all or upsetting people then so be it," he said. "I didn't come back to ride five days a week and ride nine races a day. I came back to ride some quality horses with hopefully some good futures."

He retired in November 2005 after battling knee pain that had him downing anti-inflammatories every day for the last 15 years of his career.

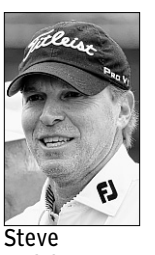
"Knees, they were never 100 percent, I'll tell you, but compared to my last five years of riding they're about 120 percent now," Stevens said, adding that the medications damaged his liver. "Fortunately, the liver is able to repair itself and I'm healthy."

Stevens said he's been working with a personal trainer and attended a program in Bellevue, Wash., that taught him how to eat a diet featuring high-protein and carbohydrates along with healthy fats. In retirement, his weight reached 146 pounds, but now Stevens said he's "down to 119 without trying."

"I'm sleeping well, no medications," he said.

Stricker headed for semi-retirement

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press



Steve Stricker

KAPALUA, Hawaii – At the end of another long year, and only a month away from the start of another season, Steve Stricker quietly posed a question that sounded out of place for a guy with more than $25 million in PGA Tour earnings over the last six years.

"What if I went to Kapalua to defend and didn't play again the rest of the year?"

When he arrived on the shores of Maui for the season-opening Tournament of Champions, he had reached a compromise. Stricker, who turns 46 next month, is going into semi-retirement. When he leaves Kapalua, he won't return again until the Match Play Championship at the end of February.

He'll play the majors and World Golf Championships that are held in America, maybe a few other tournaments to get ready for the majors, and the John Deere Classic, which has become his hometown event ever since the Greater Milwaukee Open went away.

"I've proved to myself I could come back," said Stricker, once mired in a slump so severe he was voted PGA Tour comeback player — two years in a row. "I had a great run the last six years. I think it's just the travel, the time away. When I get home, I'm not there. I'm focused on where I go next. When I do something, I'm in it. I've had enough of being totally focused on golf and my life. And I wanted to not have it be about me anymore."

Stricker is wired differently from most. He gets as much pleasure taking his kids to school in Wisconsin as winning golf tournaments. He would rather spend his fall in a deer stand with a bow than on the practice green with his putter.

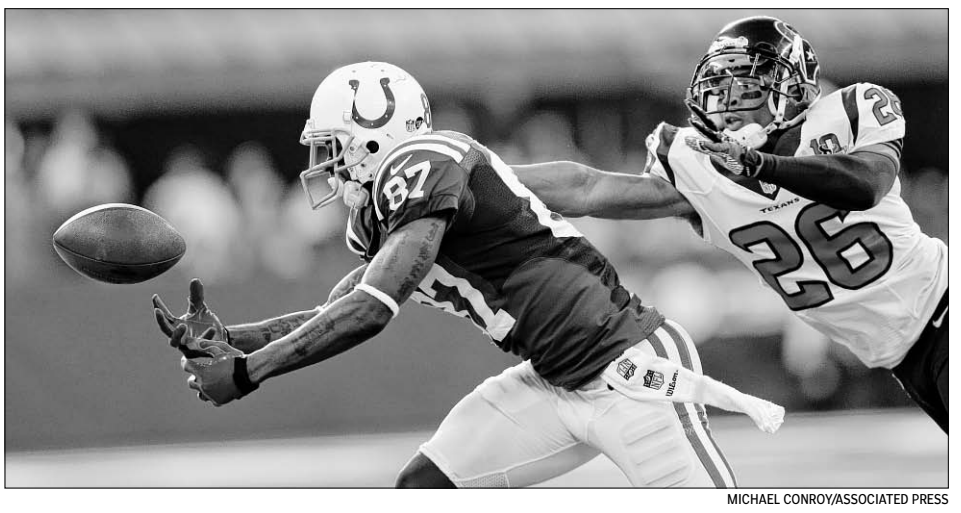
He has been thinking about cutting back for the last few years, only the decision was never easy.

SPORTS

Colts' Wayne hopes dream comes true

■ Indy's longtime star receiver shows no signs of slowing down

By Michael Marot
Associated Press



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The Indianapolis Colts' Reggie Wayne (87) reaches for a pass while being defended by the Houston Texans' Brandon Harris (26) during their game on Sunday, Dec. 30, in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS – Reggie Wayne has an emphatic message for his teammates. He's got bigger plans for this year's Indianapolis Colts.

Less than 12 months after taking less money to play for a team in major rebuilding mode and then leading it back to the playoffs as he had promised, Wayne has started concocting all sorts of grand possibilities in his mind.

"If all goes well, if my dreams are correct, I won't be playing in this (Pro Bowl) game. I have a bigger game to play in and my dreams normally come true," Wayne said with a chuckle after earning his sixth Pro Bowl selection. "Let's hope that this one is headed in that direction."

Wayne is no mentalist, just a good-natured optimist and a key reason Indianapolis (11-5) is hitting the road to face AFC North champion Baltimore (10-6) in a wild-card round game Sunday.

Clearly, the Colts needed Wayne's presence this season and not just because of his skills on the field.

He showed this young, unproven offense what it takes to excel in the NFL, how to stick around a while, and what it means to play this game with purpose and passion. The results have been nothing short of remarkable.

Quarterback Andrew Luck set NFL rookie records for most yards passing and most attempts in a season. He tied the NFL single-season mark for game-winning fourth-quarter drives, broke Peyton Manning's franchise rookie mark for completions, set a new Colts record for rushing TDs by a quarterback and presided over a historic turnaround.

Indy's rookies also combined for 3,108 yards rushing and receiving, the most of any team since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, according to STATS LLC.

And at age 34, Wayne gave no indication he was slowing down. The New Orleans native hauled in 106 receptions for 1,355 yards — the second-best marks of his career — and tied Marvin Harrison for the franchise's most 1,000-yard seasons (eight). He moved into the top 10 on the NFL's reception list (968), the top 15 in yards receiving (13,063) and broke the NFL record for most consecutive games with three or more catches (64), all while putting football into perspective for these rookies.

"Reggie really is the leader of the offense," Luck said. "Everything he does helps us out. He sets a great example for all the young, new guys that are on the team — myself included — and he is a lot of fun to throw the ball to."

When it comes to work, though, Wayne is all business.

During the first week of training camp, he hung around after practice in the blazing sun to catch balls from the Jugs machine. He started by himself. Each day, though, the crowd increased and within days, seemingly every receiver on the team was waiting behind one of the NFL's top receivers.

That didn't change when the Colts returned to their team complex.

"You know his professionalism, I think that's big especially with the young group on that side of the ball," safety Antoine Bethea said when asked what Wayne's most important contribution has been. "Just showing them how to be a professional, how to be a pro. ... You see him in the weight room, but you'd never know anything is wrong with him because he's out there every day on the practice field and you can count on him every Sunday."

But it almost didn't work out.

Two days before Indy's miserable 2-14 season ended in 2011 and about to become an unrestricted free agent, Wayne packed up his locker, took down his nameplate and spoke somberly to reporters as if his career in Indy was about to end.

The Colts did send many of Wayne's longtime pals -- Joseph Addai, Gary Brackett, Dallas Clark and Manning — packing in March. Jeff Saturday and Pierre Garcon, a receiver Wayne helped groom, signed free agent contracts with other teams, and most figured that with Indianapolis going young and trying to shed big-dollar contracts, Wayne would go somewhere else, too.

That's when new coach Chuck Pagano, who befriended Wayne when the two were at the University of Miami, made a personal request.

"Basically I told him, I said I don't want to do this without you," Pagano said. "I said, 'If we're going to get this thing done and move forward and get back to the winning ways that this organization and certainly our fans in the community are used to, we need you back. I want to do this with you. We all want you back.'"

Wayne had to weigh more lucrative offers from other teams with his passion for playing in front of the fans who chant "Reggie, Reg-gie" each week. Speculation focused on New England, Indy's bitter rival. Andre Johnson, a friend of Wayne's from the Hurricanes, said Wayne wanted to join him in Houston, too.

After reflecting on Pagano's words, Wayne turned down the extra money, re-signed with the Colts for three years and $17.5 million so he could help the franchise re-establish itself as a Super Bowl contender and made good on his word.

There's no fear of wild-card round

■ Recently, getting bye means little

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press



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Green Bay Packers wide receiver James Jones (89) looks to break a tackle by Minnesota Vikings cornerback Josh Robinson (21) after making a reception during their game on Sunday, Dec. 30, in Minneapolis. The teams meet again on Saturday night in the wild-card playoffs.

NFL teams have no fear of playing in the wild-card round.

Recent history shows the playoff bye isn't such a big deal anymore. In six of the last seven years, one of the Super Bowl participants didn't get a bye to begin the postseason. And five of those teams wound up winning the NFL title.

So Green Bay's blowing the bye by losing to Minnesota last Sunday might not be such a setback. Same for Houston, which had an even bigger fall, fumbling away home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs as well as the week off, by losing three of its last four.

Of course, Texans coach Gary Kubiak recognizes the week-to-week nature of pro football, and how things can change quickly in seven days — and last for a month, right to a championship.

"That's life, and that's part of football," Kubiak said. "How'd you play last week? How have you played the last few weeks? What have you done lately? That's our world. We understand that, and it hasn't been good the last few weeks, so hopefully we get it better."

Nobody knows how to achieve that improvement more than the Packers. Two years ago, they barely squeezed into the Super Bowl chase, then raced to three road victories and, finally, a title win over Pittsburgh.

"I'd have preferred a week off, to be honest with you," Packers receiver Jordy Nelson said. "But we put ourselves in this situation throughout the whole year. It's not just this last game.

"This last game had a lot riding on it for us, so ... we're going to go play. Whatever it takes, we just have to win from here on out."

That begins Saturday night at Lambeau Field against Minnesota. Had the Packers beaten the Vikings last Sunday, they would be sitting at home this weekend watching the Bears play at San Francisco. Instead, they will trudge onto the tundra to face rushing king Adrian Peterson, who ran around, through and over them for 199 yards to get the Vikings into the playoffs.

The Vikings had no chance for a bye; they never really were in the chase for the NFC North title. They're just glad to be in the tournament, knowing that the Steelers, Colts, Packers and Giants (twice) recently covered the lengthier route to the NFL championship.

"The cool thing about the playoffs is that once you get in anything can happen," defensive end Jared Allen said. "You see it happen all of the time, teams make runs and end up winning the Super Bowl."

Some teams already are on runs. Denver has won 11 straight to grab the top spot in the AFC. Washington takes a seven-game winning into Sunday's home game against Seattle, winner of five in a row.

As for the four teams sitting it out this weekend, there certainly are positives to some down time. Denver and Atlanta were last off on Oct. 21, San Francisco and New England on Nov. 4. That's a long time without a break.

"Of course I appreciate the bye. It's the shortest route to get where we want to go," Denver linebacker Von Miller said. "We definitely want to take advantage of this bye week, we're resting our bodies and going over some stuff that we did well, some stuff that we did bad during the season.

"It's just trying to fine-tune this ship before we get ready to try to make one of the biggest runs of the season.

Yes, the bye affords them a chance to get healthier, particularly the 49ers, who are concerned about star defensive lineman Justin Smith's partially torn left triceps.

But there's also the chance of getting stale, something Green Bay experienced last year, and the Giants took advantage of it. Same thing for the Falcons the previous season, and the Packers pounced.

It's an interesting dynamic. Some coaches and players prefer to simply keep on playing, especially when their seasons have ended the way the Broncos, Redskins, Seahawks and Vikings closed theirs.

Others covet the week off because it means they will be at home for their first postseason game. Not that there's any guarantee there, either: at least one team with a bye has lost its divisional round game in each of the last seven playoffs.

Maybe with the week off, they got a bit complacent. Or rusty. Or undisciplined.

"We always say that it goes up a notch, but at the end of the day, it's still football," Colts safety Antoine Bethea said about the playoff atmosphere. "Whatever we've done to get to this point, you just want to continue to do that, and once you go out there on Sunday, it's going to be like Week 8, Week 9.

"But the thing in the back of your head, you just know if you lose, you go home. So whatever you have to do to prepare throughout the week through that Sunday, that'll be the easy part."

Tell that to the bye teams that went bye-bye in years past.

Packers are excited by rare reunion of Fab Four

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. – Aaron Rodgers is putting up MVP-worthy numbers again, throwing for more touchdowns than anyone in the NFL and ranking near the top in completions and yards passing.

Imagine if he'd had all of his favorite toys for the whole year.

With Randall Cobb back from a sprained ankle and Jordy Nelson planning to play in Saturday night's NFC wild-card game against Minnesota, the Green Bay Packers finally will have all four top receivers for the first time in, essentially, three months.

"It makes us very dangerous," Greg Jennings said Thursday. "It's pretty obvious when we have all four guys healthy, the amount of big plays that we can accumulate goes up. Aaron has a lot more options."

There's no question Rodgers is a special quarterback, one of the league's finest, and he'd put up impressive numbers if he had only one or two guys to throw to. But he has four — count `em, four — receivers who could be No. 1s on many other teams.

"I don't think so," Nelson said when asked if any other team is as loaded at receiver as the Packers. "I don't think you can go four and five deep like we can."

Jennings had 1,000-yard seasons from 2008-10, and came up just short (949) last year despite missing three games. Nelson has a career average of 15.1 yards per catch, and joined Jennings in the 1,000-yard club last year. James Jones led the NFL with 14 TD catches this year, and matched a Packers record with two scores in three straight games. Cobb is the newest of the bunch, and all the second-year receiver has done is lead the team in catches (80) and yards receiving (954).

Add in big tight end Jermichael Finley and you can see why defensive coordinators have nightmares about facing the Packers.

"You can go to any one of them and get a big play, so it makes it more difficult for defenses to defend," Green Bay offensive coordinator Tom Clements said.

In pass-happy NFL, it still helps to be able to run

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. – As a wide-out, Santana Moss wants Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III to throw the ball as much as possible, of course, preferably in his direction.

As a football player hoping to advance in the playoffs, Moss wants the Redskins to do what they've done as well as anyone in the NFL this season: run, run, run.

"That's big to me. Everywhere I've played and been successful, we ran the ball to pass the ball. Nowadays, a lot of teams fling the ball everywhere, and you want to be a part of that as a receiver," Moss said. "But when you really want to win games, you have to have both parts of your offense working, the air and the ground. It's great to see we have that here."

They do, indeed, thanks in part to the man known as RG3, who set a rookie QB record by running for 815 yards, and to another rookie, Alfred Morris, who finished second in the league with 1,613 yards rushing. Washington averaged an NFL-high 169.3 yards on the ground, and its opponent in the first round of the NFC playoffs Sunday is the Seattle Seahawks, who ranked No. 3 at 161.2, led by Marshawn Lynch.

Clearly, as much as the NFL is a passing league, it still helps to be able to run the ball.

"It doesn't have to be great, but you have to have an effective running game to be able to be successful," said two-time Super Bowl champion John Elway, now the Denver Broncos executive VP of football operations. "The reason I say that is because, if you get leads, you've got to be able to eat clock with it and you've got to be able to keep people honest, especially pass-rushing teams."

Elway was the quarterback and Terrell Davis was a 2,000-yard running back when the Broncos won the 1999 Super Bowl, the last time the league's leading rusher earned an NFL championship (their coach then was Mike Shanahan, currently with the Redskins). It's only happened three other times since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970, according to STATS LLC, and always by the same guy: Emmitt Smith, with the Dallas Cowboys in 1993, 1994 and 1996.

A season's leader in yards passing, by the way, never has won a Super Bowl in that span, STATS said.

The top three rushers during this regular season are in the playoffs: Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings, Morris and Lynch. Other notable running backs in action this weekend include Arian Foster of the Houston Texans and Ray Rice of the Baltimore Ravens. The top three quarterbacks in yards passing, meanwhile, are done: Drew Brees of the New Orleans Saints, Matthew Stafford of the Detroit Lions and Tony Romo of the Cowboys.

Scoreboard

AIR TIME

TELEVISION

BOXING

9 p.m.: Rances Barthelemy vs. Arash Usmanee, ESPN2, Cable 26.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m.: Cotton Bowl, Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma, FOX-44, Cable 119.

GOLF

4:30 p.m.: Tournament of Champions, TGC, Cable 558.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m.: Cleveland St. at Valparaiso, ESPNU, Cable 514.
7 p.m.: Memphis at Tennessee, ESPN2, Cable 26.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

6:30 p.m.: Colorado College at Nebraska-Omaha, NBCSN, Cable 549.
6:30 p.m.: Robert Morris at Army, CBSSN, Cable 531.

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m.: Chicago at Miami, ESPN, Cable 27.
9:30 p.m.: L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, ESPN, Cable 27.

PREP FOOTBALL

4 p.m.: All-America Game, ESPN, Cable 27.

RADIO

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m.: Ohio Co. at Henderson Co., WSON-AM 860 & FM 96.5.
7:30 p.m.: Webster Co. at Union Co., WMSK-FM 101.3 & WWKY-FM 96.7.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

6 p.m.: Webster Co. at Union Co., WMSK-FM 101.3 & WWKY-FM 96.7.

SPORTSCOPE

BASKETBALL

In middle school action on Thursday:

Holy Name's eighth-grade boys beat Burns 42-35. Holy Name was led by Spencer Buley with 20 points and Jacob Mulcahy with 11.

Holy Name's seventh-grade boys topped Burns 53-33 behind 22 points each by Tyler Durham and Gabe McFarland.

Holy Name's eighth-grade girls rolled past Burns 36-16. Holy Name got 8 points from Katelyn Maggard, 7 from Caroline Newland and 6 each from Ashley Collins and Payton Hite.

Holy Name's seventh-grade girls downed Burns 33-10. Ellie Mitchell had 13 points and 10 rebounds for Holy Name and Jacey Scott and Macy Thompson scored 6 points each.

South's seventh-grade girls beat College View 30-25. South got 6 points from Amayia Hayden, 5 each from Ashley Durham and Ashlynn Jennings and 4 from Katie Bickers.

South's eighth-grade girls lost to College View 26-19. South was led by Amayia Hayden with 10 points and Paige McElhaney with 4.

South's eighth-grade boys lost to College View 40-38. Clay Sellers led South with 12 points and Jordan Wilson scored 10.

South's seventh-grade boys beat College View 40-33. South got 10 points each from Konnor Duckworth and Taye Calloway and 9 from Kordell Rollins.

North's seventh-grade boys lost to Owensboro Catholic 38-33. North was led by Greg Farmer with 7 points, Marvin McGuire with 6 and Tristan Morris and Luke Maloney with 4 each.

North's eighth-grade boys rolled past Owensboro Catholic 57-44. North was led by Rob Dawson with 17 points, Marquis Ward with 14 and Ethan Gilbert with 10.

North's eighth-grade girls topped Owensboro Catholic 35-18. Kalabra Tramill led North with 11 points and Kristin Logsdon scored 10.

North's seventh-grade girls lost to Owensboro Catholic 29-25. North was led by Brianna Neblett with 15 points and Katelyn Green with 6.

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The Henderson Elks Hoop Shoot for the winners of the school competition will be Jan. 5. The 8-9-year-old boys and girls will be at North Middle School, while the 10-11-year-old boys and girls and 12-13-year-old boys and girls will be at Bend Gate Elementary School. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the shoot starting promptly at 8 a.m. Anyone who is late signing in will not be allowed to shoot per National Hoop Shoot rules.

TENNIS

Henderson County YMCA is taking registrations for youth tennis lessons at the Y's indoor multi-rec tennis facility on Saturday mornings starting Jan. 5 for five weeks. There will be no classes on Jan. 19. Each class meets once a week and has a maximum of six players. The instructor will be certified USPTA teaching professional Brett Jones. Private lessons are also available. Call the Y at 827-9622 for more information or to sign up if paying by Visa or MasterCard. Classes will be beginner and intermediate: ages 5-9, 9-9:45 or 9:45-10:30 a.m.; ages 9-11, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; ages 11-15, 11:15 a.m.-noon. Session fees are $30 for Y members and $45 for non-members.

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Adult group tennis lessons will be held on Sundays beginning Jan. 6 for 5 weeks at the Henderson County Family YMCA indoor courts. Participants may choose 5, 6 or 7 p.m. times and be from beginner (2.0) to intermediate (3.5) level. Instructor will be teaching pro Brett Jones. Cost is $45 for Y members and $60 for non-members. To request a time call Jennifer Holland at 860-4680.

ATHLETICS

The Henderson County High School athletic department will auction off a maroon and white Colonel quilt made by Sue Ellen Clements. The quilt will be on display at the home basketball games until Jan. 7 with the highest bidder being announced at halftime of the Jan. 7 game. All proceeds go to the athletic department.

HORSE RACING

TURFWAY PARK

Today's entries
Post time: 4:30 p.m.

FIRST — $10,000, Claiming, 4 yos & up, 6 F
1 Kowboy Kody Prescott/Barkley 3/1
2 Lex Include Wells/Rednour 15/1
3 Bluemooninyoureye Pompell/Helmbrecht 20/1
4 Lord Canela Cruz/Modica 3/1
5 Castlepost Lebron/Montgomery 7/5
6 Seven Day Fool Zuniga/Sipp 10/1
7 Blue Tie Affair Wilkinson/Metz 15/1
8 Maxopico Paucar/Larue 15/1
9 Flying Power Vargas/Kirk 12/1

SECOND — $7,000, Maiden Claiming, 4 yo & up F&M, 1 M
1 Cross Your T's Cruz/Jacobson 15/1
2 Nearctic Edge Prescott/Young 6/1
3 Clearly Wicked Pusac/Cobb 15/1
4 Big Jim's Mistake Martinez/Macias 7/2
5 Seattle Rising Adam/Howard 6/1
6 Emerald Current Lebron/Mattingly 10/1
7 Tomo Nights Creed/Williams 30/1
8 Quoit a Devil Fayos/McKinney 30/1
9 Pretty Perky Patti Arroyo/Reed 5/2
10 Ice Charm Tamburello/Rennekamp 10/1
11 Later Baby Pompell/Wilkinson 15/1
12 Spade Jimenez/Krummen 12/1

THIRD — $10,000, Claiming, 4 yo & up F&M, 6&½ F
1 Silver Pendant Paucar/Pitts 3/1
2 Carmen Camacho Martinez/Dodge 12/1
3 Honeymoon Hotel Lebron/Alfir 7/2
4 Boogie Woogie Prescott/Krummen 20/1
5 Sweetasnails Creed/Waltermire 4/1
6 I'm Something Ouzts/Wells 5/1
7 One Nice Roanoke Arroyo/Sipp 4/1
8 Jenny Redi Made Cruz/Sipp 12/1
9 Queen Gracie Tamburello/Vecchio 12/1

FOURTH — $13,000, Maiden Claiming, 3 yos, 6 F
1 Indio Moro Martinez/Macias 7/2
2 Speed Rail Tamburello/Hughes 12/1
3 Numberninedestiny Prescott/Corrigan 5/1
4 Lyddane Bridge Rd De Leon/Davis 10/1
5 Slewpy's Image Zuniga/Frederick 3/1
6 Purge the Past Fayos/Provost 8/1
7 Lungs Creed/Denzik 7/2
8 Bluemymind Arroyo/Lay 5/1

FIFTH — $11,000, Claiming, 4 yos & up, 1 M
1 Nita Ridge Adam/Howard 8/1
3 Finger Tapping Vidal/Davis 4/1
4 Geri's Kid Vargas/Lopez 4/1
5 Storm Make'n Jimenez/Macias 12/1
6 Brickyard Creed/Kinmon 6/1
7 Lite Up the Stage Prescott/Jackson 15/1
8 Van Leroy Ouzts/Wells 15/1
9 Soul Coaxing Arroyo/Higgins 3/1
10 Wayne the Train Martinez/Dodge 5/1

SIXTH — $13,000, Claiming, 4 yos & up, 1 M
1 Wind Angel Ouzts/Kahles 12/1
2 Sinister Intent Creed/Anderson 4/1
3 Pastor Puckett Guzman/Oviedo 6/1
4 Man in Brown Suit Pusac/Skinner 5/1
5 Kumacandu Arroyo/Lay 4/1
6 Right Angle Fayos/Schuh 7/2
7 Bold Occurance Rechy/Klopp 5/1
8 Cowboy Casanova Vergara/Jarvis 6/1

SEVENTH — $10,000, Claiming, 4 yo & up F&M, 5&½ F
1 Vicki's Trump Prescott/Sturgeon 3/1
1A Summer Courtship Prescott/Sturgeon 3/1
2 Uneven Jimenez/Helmbrecht 4/1
3 Black Sable Arroyo/Sipp 4/1
4 Chase It Martinez/Martin 5/1
5 Nonighty Vergara/Jackson 30/1
6 Sapphire Avenue Rechy/Sullivan 6/1
7 Added Delight Cruz/Danner 7/2
8 Martini Jane Pusac/Puhl 12/1

EIGHTH — $9,000, Maiden Claiming, 3 yo F, 6 F
1 Bars n' Stars Wells/Rednour 20/1
2 Justalovesong Ouzts/Riley 20/1
3 Up for Grabs Arroyo/Romans 2/1
4 Lady of the Dark Cruz/Rennekamp 4/1
5 Maria's Ballado Martinez/Pinzon 6/1
6 Splink Tamburello/Krummen 15/1
8 Shellie's Way Creed/Baez 15/1
9 Gimmearock Perez/Halmi 30/1
11 Zephara De Leon/Rice 12/1
12 Tickle Me Silly Jimenez/Kordenbrock 6/1
13 Path of Pride Prescott/Jackson 6/1

NINTH — $13,000, Claiming, 3 yos, 6&½ F
1 Count Two Ten Pusac/Ross 7/2
2 Crafty Hour Prescott/Jackson 6/1
3 Little Boy Lost Tamburello/Hillyard 5/1
4 Black Arrow Martinez/Sancal 5/1
5 Pasture Rise Straight/Short 4/1
6 Truthandknowledge Vergara/Christenson 4/1
7 Fitz Is Dancing Cruz/Short 5/1

10TH — $10,000, Claiming, 4 yos & up, 1 M
1 Infiltrate Creed/McGowan 20/1
1A Ragpicker's Saint Sarvis/McGowan 20/1
3 Silver Birch Sanchez/Burke 20/1
4 Atlantic Titan Prescott/Kohnhorst 3/1
5 Folowthemoneytrail Jimenez/Greenhill 4/1
6 Major Winters Fayos/Isbell 20/1
7 Jeff's Kitten Paucar/Jarvis 9/2
8 Grace's Devil Arroyo/Coyle 7/2
9 Sir P. T. Chalone Ouzts/Holt 12/1
10 Stimulus Plan Yaranga/Balo 20/1
13 Final Curtain Cruz/Larue 6/1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BOWL SCHEDULE

All Times CST
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Louisville 33, Florida 23
THURSDAY, JAN. 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Kansas State vs. Oregon, (n)
TODAY
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington, Texas
Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)
SATURDAY, JAN. 5
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), noon (ESPN)
SUNDAY, JAN. 6
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
MONDAY, JAN. 7
BCS National Championship
At Miami
Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

FCS PLAYOFF GLANCE

All Times CST
Championship
SATURDAY, JAN. 5
At FC Dallas Stadium
Frisco, Texas
North Dakota State (13-1) vs. Sam Houston State (11-3), noon

LOUISVILLE 33, FLORIDA 23

Louisville	14	10	6	3—33
Florida	0	10	0	13—23

First Quarter
Lou—Floyd 38 interception return (Wallace kick), 14:45.
Lou—Wright 1 run (Wallace kick), 6:47.
Second Quarter
Fla—FG Sturgis 33, 14:50.
Lou—FG Wallace 27, 8:39.
Lou—Parker 15 pass from Bridgewater (Wallace kick), 2:57.
Fla—Jones 1 run (Sturgis kick), :10.
Third Quarter
Lou—Copeland 19 pass from Bridgewater (kick blocked), 14:52.
Fourth Quarter
Lou—FG Wallace 30, 7:54.
Fla—Debose 100 kickoff return (Sturgis kick), 7:41.
Fla—K.Taylor 5 pass from Driskel (pass failed), 2:13.
A—54,178.

	Lou	Fla
First downs	23	17
Rushes-yards	36-70	30-111
Passing	266	175
Comp-Att-Int	20-32-1	16-29-2
Return Yards	70	7
Punts-Avg.	1-39.0	4-41.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-25	9-98
Time of Possession	35:37	24:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Louisville, Wright 25-84, Lamb 2-5, Team 2-(minus 2), Bridgewater 7-(minus 17). Florida, Gillislee 9-48, T.Burton 5-24, Jones 3-16, Hines 2-11, Debose 1-8, Driskel 10-4.
PASSING—Louisville, Bridgewater 20-32-1-266. Florida, Driskel 16-29-2-175.
RECEIVING—Louisville, E.Rogers 4-62, A.Smith 4-55, Wright 3-19, Butler 2-43, Parker 2-32, Copeland 2-31, Harrington 1-16, Lamb 1-7, Dominquez 1-1. Florida, Dunbar 5-77, Hines 3-34, Hammond 2-22, Gillislee 1-13, T.Burton 1-8, Reed 1-7, Purifoy 1-5, K.Taylor 1-5, Debose 1-4.

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL PLAYOFFS

All Times CST
WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 5
Cincinnati at Houston, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Minnesota at Green Bay, 7 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 6
Indianapolis at Baltimore, noon (CBS)
Seattle at Washington, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)
DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 12
Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati at Denver, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)
Washington, Seattle or Green Bay at San Francisco, 7 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 13
Washington, Seattle or Minnesota at Atlanta, noon (FOX)
Baltimore, Indianapolis or Houston at New England, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 20
AFC, TBA (CBS)
NFC, TBA (FOX)
PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 27
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (NBC)
SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5 p.m. (CBS)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Today's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
No. 1 Duke vs. Wake Forest, 11 a.m.
No. 3 Arizona vs. Utah, 4 p.m.
No. 8 Ohio St. at No. 11 Illinois, 1:15 p.m.
No. 10 Gonzaga at Santa Clara, 7 p.m.
No. 12 Missouri vs. Bucknell, 6 p.m.
No. 14 Cincinnati vs. St. John's, 3 p.m.
No. 15 Georgetown at Marquette, 1 p.m.
No. 16 Creighton vs. Indiana St., 2:05 p.m.
No. 17 Butler vs. New Orleans, 1 p.m.
No. 18 Michigan St. vs. Purdue, 11 a.m.
No. 21 Notre Dame vs. Seton Hall, 11 a.m.
No. 22 Oklahoma St. at No. 25 Kansas St., 12:30 p.m.
No. 23 N.C. St. at Boston College, 3 p.m.
No. 24 Pittsburgh at Rutgers, 10 a.m.
Sunday's Games
No. 2 Michigan vs. Iowa, 11 a.m.
No. 6 Kansas vs. Temple, 3:30 p.m.
No. 7 Syracuse at South Florida, 11 a.m.
No. 9 Minnesota vs. Northwestern, 6 p.m.
No. 13 Florida at Yale, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

EAST
American U. 63, Md.-Eastern Shore 49
Bryant 84, Robert Morris 77
Fairfield 66, Canisius 45
Fairleigh Dickinson 72, Mount St. Mary's 65
Niagara 94, Marist 72
Sacred Heart 77, LIU Brooklyn 73
St. Francis (NY) 63, Quinnipiac 61
St. Francis (Pa.) 67, CCSU 60
Wagner 60, Monmouth (NJ) 56
SOUTH
Belmont 73, Jacksonville St. 62
E. Kentucky 65, E. Illinois 54
FAU 75, Louisiana-Lafayette 70
Mississippi St. 97, New Orleans 46
Morehead St. 68, SIU-Edwardsville 64
Northeastern 84, George Mason 74
Southern Miss. 135, Dillard 41
MIDWEST
Detroit 74, Milwaukee 59
Michigan 94, Northwestern 66
N. Dakota St. 92, South Dakota 66
Oakland 91, Nebraska-Omaha 79
S. Dakota St. 77, UMKC 61
SE Missouri 86, Austin Peay 84
Wisconsin 60, Penn St. 51
Wright St. 64, Green Bay 53
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 66, Middle Tennessee 60, OT
Houston 96, Texas-Pan American 71
North Texas 76, Troy 59
Stephen F. Austin 79, Lamar 43
Texas A&M 67, Houston Baptist 59
UALR 75, W. Kentucky 67
FAR WEST
Arizona 92, Colorado 83, OT
BYU 92, Loyola Marymount 51
Montana St. 62, Portland St. 59
N. Arizona 57, Sacramento St. 50
Utah St. 75, Seattle 66
Weber St. 79, N. Colorado 54

MICHIGAN 94, N'WESTERN 66

MICHIGAN (14-0)
Robinson III 4-4 2-3 10, Morgan 6-8 0-0 12, Hardaway Jr. 6-8 5-6 21, Stauskas 4-11 0-0 10, Burke 9-16 1-2 23, Vogrich 0-0 0-0 0, Albrecht 0-0 0-0 0, McLimans 0-1 0-0 0, LeVert 2-3 0-0 6, Person 1-1 1-2 4, McGary 1-4 2-2 4, Bielfeldt 1-1 2-4 4, Akunne 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 34-57 13-19 94.
NORTHWESTERN (9-5)
Swopshire 4-9 0-0 11, Abrahamson 3-8 3-6 11, Olah 4-8 2-4 10, Sobolewski 3-7 0-0 7, Marcotullio 2-8 0-0 5, Turner 1-3 1-2 3, Demps 4-11 0-0 10, Montgomery III 2-4 0-0 4, Ajou 1-1 0-0 3, Cerina 0-0 2-5 2. **Totals** 24-59 8-17 66.
Halftime—Michigan 51-30. **3-Point Goals—**Michigan 13-22 (Hardaway Jr. 4-5, Burke 4-6, LeVert 2-2, Stauskas 2-7, Person 1-1, McLimans 0-1), Northwestern 10-28 (Swopshire 3-4, Demps 2-4, Abrahamson 2-6, Ajou 1-1, Sobolewski 1-5, Marcotullio 1-6, Montgomery III 0-1, Turner 0-1). **Fouled Out—**None. **Rebounds—**Michigan 41 (Morgan 13), Northwestern 25 (Swopshire 5). **Assists—**Michigan 17 (Burke 5), Northwestern 19 (Olah, Sobolewski 5). **Total Fouls—**Michigan 14, Northwestern 12. Technical—Morgan. **A—**8,117.

MURRAY ST. 73, UTM 62

MURRAY ST. (10-3)
Wilson 6-9 3-4 16, Daniel 2-5 5-9 9, Canaan 6-8 4-4 18, Garrett 2-2 0-0 4, Fields 0-5 0-0 0, Mushatt 0-2 0-0 0, Ford 0-3 1-2 1, Rambo 1-3 1-2 3, McCree 0-3 0-0 0, Moss 4-5 3-3 14, Gilmore 2-2 0-0 4, Henderson 2-2 0-2 4. **Totals** 25-49 17-26 73.
UT-MARTIN (3-12)
Minor 0-0 0-0 0, Richardson 0-1 0-0 0, Childs 3-11 0-0 6, M. Taylor 3-7 5-6 11, Washington 3-7 1-1 7, Dowdell 2-5 0-1 4, Oldham 0-3 0-2 0, K. Taylor 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 2-9 6-6 10, Jones 2-3 2-2 6, Liabo 5-7 0-0 12, McLaughlin 3-3 0-0 6. **Totals** 23-57 14-18 62.
Halftime—Murray St. 33-19. **3-Point Goals—**Murray St. 6-19 (Moss 3-4, Canaan 2-3, Wilson 1-4, Ford 0-1, McCree 0-2, Fields 0-5), UT-Martin 2-11 (Liabo 2-4, Richardson 0-1, Smith 0-1, Washington 0-1, Jones 0-1, Childs 0-3). **Fouled Out—**None. **Rebounds—**Murray St. 35 (Daniel 11), UT-Martin 30 (M. Taylor 7). **Assists—**Murray St. 17 (Ford 4), UT-Martin 11 (Childs 4). **Total Fouls—**Murray St. 21, UT-Martin 24. **A—**3,557.

UALR 75, WKU 67

W. KENTUCKY (10-6)
Harris 5-18 4-4 18, Blade 0-1 0-0 0, Akol 5-12 0-0 10, Fant 3-5 1-3 7, Price 3-5 1-2 8, Anyigbo 0-2 2-2 2, Kaspar 5-10 0-0 13, Alcantara 0-0 0-0 0, Akamune 2-3 0-0 4, Rostov 0-0 0-0 0, Jakes 0-0 0-0 0, Drane 0-0 0-0 0, Vasquez 1-1 2-3 5. **Totals** 24-57 10-14 67.
UALR (9-7)
Lockhart 3-5 3-4 9, Javes 5-9 1-6 11, Neighbour 2-8 3-4 7, Hagins 1-6 0-0 3, Isler 4-6 5-6 13, Gillon 1-4 0-0 3, Osse 1-2 2-2 4, Billings 0-0 0-0 0, Crass 0-0 0-0 0, Dillard 4-7 0-0 10, White 4-5 1-2 9, Leeper 1-2 4-5 6. **Totals** 26-54 19-29 75.
Halftime—Tied 36-36. **3-Point Goals—**W. Kentucky 9-33 (Harris 4-16, Kaspar 3-6, Vasquez 1-1, Price 1-3, Blade 0-1, Akol 0-6), UALR 4-13 (Dillard 2-3, Gillon 1-2, Hagins 1-4, Lockhart 0-1, Isler 0-1, Neighbour 0-2). **Fouled Out—**Akamune, Price. **Rebounds—**W. Kentucky 42 (Harris 10), UALR 30 (Neighbour 6). **Assists—**W. Kentucky 9 (Harris 3), UALR 15 (Hagins 5). **Total Fouls—**W. Kentucky 27, UALR 19. **A—**3,871.

EKU 65, E. ILLINOIS 54

E. ILLINOIS (3-12)
Blanford 1-6 1-3 3, Piper 3-4 3-4 10, Akers 2-4 0-0 4, Jones 2-7 0-0 5, Austin 3-6 0-0 8, Herron 4-10 0-0 9, Anderson 0-1 0-0 0, Woods 6-7 3-3 15, Harvey 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals** 21-46 7-10 54.
E. KENTUCKY (11-3)
Muff 1-2 0-0 2, Stutz 0-0 0-0 0, Cosey 2-10 3-3 8, DiNunno 4-10 1-2 13, T. Johnson 6-8 0-2 13, Walden 1-3 6-6 8, Lewis 5-7 0-0 11, Williams 2-5 2-2 8, J. Johnson 0-1 2-2 2. **Totals** 21-46 14-17 65.
Halftime—E. Kentucky 35-18. **3-Point Goals—**E. Illinois 5-14 (Austin 2-4, Piper 1-2, Jones 1-3, Herron 1-3, Akers 0-2), E. Kentucky 9-23 (DiNunno 4-7, Williams 2-4, T. Johnson 1-2, Lewis 1-2, Cosey 1-6, Walden 0-2). **Fouled Out—**None. **Rebounds—**E. Illinois 26 (Blanford 9), E. Kentucky 26 (Stutz 5). **Assists—**E. Illinois 9 (Blanford 3), E. Kentucky 11 (Cosey 5). **Total Fouls—**E. Illinois 15, E. Kentucky 13. **A—**1,200.

MOREHEAD 68, SIUE 64

SIU-EDWARDSVILLE (4-7)
Shaffer 3-3 4-5 10, Jones 2-7 3-4 7, Davis 6-13 1-4 14, Reed 0-1 0-0 0, Messer 2-5 4-4 9, Wiltz 6-9 0-0 16, Johnson 1-4 1-1 3, Lester 0-1 0-0 0, Yelovich 1-6 1-2 3, Schneider 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals** 22-50 14-20 64.
MOREHEAD ST. (7-8)
Kelly 3-7 6-8 12, Chavis 6-15 2-3 16, Posthumus 3-6 3-6 9, Atkinson 2-7 2-3 7, Warner 5-12 3-4 14, Lewis-Briggs 2-6 1-2 6, Muhammad 0-0 0-0 0, Turner 1-3 0-0 2, Reed 0-0 0-0 0, Stickler 0-0 0-0 0, James 0-0 0-0 0, Holmes 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals** 23-57 17-26 68.
Halftime—Morehead St. 31-23. **3-Point Goals—**SIU-Edwardsville 6-17 (Wiltz 4-5, Messer 1-3, Davis 1-5, Johnson 0-1, Jones 0-3), Morehead St. 5-17 (Chavis 2-7, Warner 1-2, Lewis-Briggs 1-2, Atkinson 1-3, Kelly 0-1, Turner 0-2). **Fouled Out—**None. **Rebounds—**SIU-Edwardsville 23 (Yelovich 4), Morehead St. 44 (Posthumus 19). **Assists—**SIU-Edwardsville 13 (Davis 5), Morehead St. 14 (Atkinson 6). **Total Fouls—**SIU-Edwardsville 20, Morehead St. 20. **A—**1,716.

UK WOMEN 76, FLORIDA 69

FLORIDA (11-4)
Needles 0-2 0-0 0, Bonds 5-10 11-11 21, Lewis 3-7 2-3 8, Svete 0-0 0-0 0, George 6-15 2-4 14, Miller 5-7 5-6 17, Mercer 1-4 1-2 3, McIntyre 1-2 4-4 6, Moss 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals** 21-57 25-30 69.
KENTUCKY (13-1)
O'Neill 5-9 4-7 17, Mathies 7-16 4-4 20, Stallworth 7-14 2-3 17, Goss 4-8 1-2 10, Walker 2-4 2-2 6, Thompson 0-1 0-0 0, Pinkett 0-1 0-0 0, Drake 0-3 0-0 0, Evans 2-6 0-0 6, Henderson 0-0 0-0 0, Bishop 0-0 0-2 0. **Totals** 27-62 13-20 76.
Halftime—Kentucky 39-35. **3-Point Goals—**Florida 2-10 (Miller 2-3, Bonds 0-1, Lewis 0-1, Needles 0-2, Moss 0-3), Kentucky 9-23 (O'Neill 3-4, Mathies 2-5, Evans 2-6, Goss 1-3, Stallworth 1-3, Thompson 0-1, Pinkett 0-1). **Fouled Out—**None. **Rebounds—**Florida 40 (George 11), Kentucky 36 (Stallworth 10). **Assists—**Florida 6 (Bonds 3), Kentucky 13 (Goss, Mathies 4). **Total Fouls—**Florida 22, Kentucky 21. **A—**4,862.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

For Jan. 4
NCAA Football
Tonight
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington, Texas

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	UNDERDOG
Texas A&M	3	3	Oklahoma
Saturday			
Compass Bowl			
At Birmingham, Ala.			
Mississippi	1½	3½	Pittsburgh
Sunday			
GoDaddy.com Bowl			
At Mobile, Ala.			
Arkansas St.	+1	4	Kent St.
Monday			
BCS National Championship			
At Miami			
Alabama	7½	10	Notre Dame

NFL Playoffs
Saturday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	UNDERDOG
at Houston	5	4½	Cincinnati
at Green Bay	8	7½	Minnesota
Sunday			
at Baltimore	7	6½	Indianapolis
Seattle	1½	3	at Washington

NCAA Basketball

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Georgia	6½	GeorgeWashington
at Rhode Island	9½	Brown
at Valparaiso	12	Cleveland St.
at Tennessee	2	Memphis
at Mississippi	21	Fordham
at St. Peter's	2	Manhattan
Iona	9	at Siena
at Loyola (Md.)	7½	Rider
at Tulane	8	Wofford

PREP BASKETBALL

THURSDAY'S SCORES

BOYS
Boone Co. 55, Mason Co. 50
Conner 55, Australian Travel Team 45
Daviess Co. 62, Owensboro Catholic 40
Harlan Co. 75, Harlan 55
Hazard 84, Pike Co. Central 48
Highlands 57, Villa Madonna 45
Hopkins Co. Central 53, McLean Co. 44
Knott Co. Central 61, Letcher Central 57
Lawrence Co. 82, Prestonsburg 58
Livingston Cent. 53, Comm. Christian 37
Lou. Collegiate 77, Lou. Shawnee 57
Perry Co. Central 86, Owsley Co. 35
Raceland 64, Greenup Co. 56
Sheldon Clark 55, Paintsville 48
Southwestern 67, Somerset 61
Warren Central 72, Clinton Co. 41
GIRLS
Beechwood 62, Pendleton Co. 57
Bracken Co. 53, Harrison Co. 46
Conner 52, Australian Travel Team 29
Elizabethtown 63, Central Hardin 18
Franklin Co. 52, Shelby Co. 38
Gallatin Co. 54, Owen Co. 50
Harlan 39, Harlan Co. 25
Hopkinsville 51, Madisonville 44
Johnson Central 54, Lawrence Co. 44
LaRue Co. 63, Bardstown 27
Lee Co. 50, Menifee Co. 45
Leslie Co. 62, Breathitt Co. 55
Lex. Bryan Station 67, Lex. Lafayette 64
Ludlow 57, Silver Grove 16
Madison Cent. 71, Montgomery Co. 55
Mason Co. 58, George Rogers Clark 51
McLean Co. 56, South Warren 55
Meade Co. 51, Floyd Central, Ind. 42
Metcalfe Co. 55, Cumberland Co. 40
Ohio Co. 63, Christian Co. 50
Owsley Co. 58, Jackson Co. 36
Pikeville 55, East Ridge 51, OT
Portsmouth 56, Rose Hill Christian 32
Scott Co. 75, Lexington Catholic 70
Simon Kenton 61, Holmes 37
St. Henry 59, Newport 41
Whitley Co. 68, Lynn Camp 42
Woodford Co. 52, Bourbon Co. 29

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	10	.688	—
Brooklyn	17	15	.531	5
Philadelphia	15	18	.455	7½
Boston	14	17	.452	7½
Toronto	12	20	.375	10
Southeast	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Miami	22	8	.733	—
Atlanta	20	10	.667	2
Orlando	12	20	.375	11
Charlotte	8	23	.258	14½
Washington	4	26	.133	18
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Indiana	19	13	.594	—
Chicago	17	13	.567	1
Milwaukee	16	14	.533	2
Detroit	12	22	.353	8
Cleveland	7	26	.212	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	26	9	.743	—
Memphis	20	9	.690	3
Houston	18	14	.563	6½
Dallas	13	20	.394	12
New Orleans	7	25	.219	17½
Northwest	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oklahoma City	24	7	.774	—
Denver	18	16	.529	7½
Minnesota	15	14	.517	8
Portland	16	15	.516	8
Utah	16	17	.485	9
Pacific	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Clippers	25	8	.758	—
Golden State	22	10	.688	2½
L.A. Lakers	15	16	.484	9
Sacramento	12	20	.375	12½
Phoenix	12	21	.364	13

Wednesday's Late Game
Golden State 115, L.A. Clippers 94
Thursday's Games
New York 100, San Antonio 83
Minnesota 101, Denver 97
Tonight's Games
Cleveland at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Washington, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

KNICKS 100, SPURS 83

SAN ANTONIO (83)
Duncan 4-8 3-4 11, Leonard 3-8 0-0 7, Splitter 1-4 5-5 7, Parker 5-11 0-0 11, Green 3-8 1-2 9, Jackson 0-2 0-0 0, Diaw 1-2 2-2 4, Ginobili 2-10 2-2 8, Neal 3-11 5-6 12, Bonner 0-6 0-0 0, Mills 2-3 0-0 5, De Colo 4-4 0-0 9. **Totals** 28-77 18-21 83.
NEW YORK (100)
Anthony 9-20 3-4 23, Camby 1-1 0-0 2, Chandler 3-4 4-5 10, Kidd 2-5 0-0 5, Brewer 2-4 0-0 6, Stoudemire 4-10 2-4 10, Smith 9-17 1-3 20, Prigioni 3-9 0-0 6, Copeland 1-5 0-0 3, Novak 5-7 0-0 15, White 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 39-82 10-16 100.

San Antonio	19	21	20	23— 83
New York	22	20	25	33—100

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 9-34 (Ginobili 2-5, Green 2-6, De Colo 1-1, Parker 1-2, Mills 1-2, Leonard 1-5, Neal 1-5, Diaw 0-1, Jackson 0-2, Bonner 0-5), New York 12-27 (Novak 5-7, Brewer 2-2, Anthony 2-5, Copeland 1-2, Kidd 1-4, Smith 1-6, Prigioni 0-1). **Fouled Out—**None. **Rebounds—**San Antonio 44 (Duncan 6), New York 57 (Chandler 14). **Assists—**San Antonio 14 (Parker 6), New York 26 (Prigioni 9). **Total Fouls—**San Antonio 11, New York 18. **A—**19,033 (19,763).

WOLVES 101, NUGGETS 97

MINNESOTA (101)
Kirilenko 4-9 5-8 14, Love 4-13 4-5 12, Pekovic 4-9 3-5 11, Ridnour 6-14 0-0 14, Shved 7-13 2-2 17, Cunningham 2-5 2-4 6, Barea 6-10 3-4 17, Williams 3-7 2-2 8, Stiemsma 1-3 0-0 2. **Totals** 37-83 21-30 101.
DENVER (97)
Gallinari 4-11 1-2 12, Faried 3-5 2-2 8, Koufos 8-10 0-0 16, A.Miller 5-12 1-1 11, Iguodala 6-16 1-7 14, McGee 1-7 0-0 2, Brewer 5-13 1-2 12, Mozgov 2-3 2-3 6, Lawson 6-9 3-3 16, Fournier 0-0 0-0 0, Randolph 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** 40-86 11-20 97.

Minnesota	23	24	22	32—101
Denver	25	18	27	27— 97

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 6-16 (Barea 2-3, Ridnour 2-4, Kirilenko 1-2, Shved 1-4, Williams 0-1, Love 0-2), Denver 6-22 (Gallinari 3-7, Lawson 1-3, Iguodala 1-5, Brewer 1-5, A.Miller 0-2). **Fouled Out—**None. **Rebounds—**Minnesota 64 (Love 17), Denver 46 (Koufos, Iguodala 7). **Assists—**Minnesota 21 (Barea, Shved 5), Denver 27 (A.Miller 10). **Total Fouls—**Minnesota 17, Denver 26. **Technicals—**Love. **A—**16,921 (19,155).

Wolverines romp past N'western

Wire reports

Trey Burke scored 23 points, Tim Hardaway Jr. added 21 and No. 2 Michigan pounded Northwestern 94-66 on Thursday night to remain unbeaten.

Off to their best start since they opened the 1985-86 season with 16 wins, the Wolverines (14-0, 1-0) had no trouble in the Big Ten opener.

■ **Murray St. 73, UT-Martin 62:** Isaiah Canaan scored a game-high 18 points to lead Murray State past Tennessee-Martin 73-62 Thursday night in an Ohio Valley Conference matchup.

■ **UALR 75, Western Ky. 67:** James White hit back-to-back jumpers within a 25-second span to give his team control midway through the second half and scored on a dunk with 3:03 left to open up a 9-point advantage, sparking UALR to a 75-67 victory over Western Kentucky on Thursday night.

■ **Eastern Ky. 65, Eastern Ill. 54:** Mike DiNunno and Tarius Johnson scored 13 points apiece and Eastern Kentucky pulled away from Eastern Illinois in the first half en route to a 65-54 win Thursday night in the Colonels' Ohio Valley Conference opener.

■ **Morehead 68, SIUE 64:** Milton Chavis scored 16 points, and Chad Posthumus added nine points and a career-high 19 rebounds as Morehead State held on to beat Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 68-64 Thursday night in the OVC opener for both teams.

■ **Arizona 92, Colorado 83:** Kevin Parrom scored five of his 16 points in overtime after No. 3 Arizona staged an improbable late rally in regulation and the Wildcats escaped with a 92-83 victory over Colorado in their Pac-12 opener on Thursday night.

■ **UK women 76, Florida 69:** A'dia Mathies scored 20 points and Jennifer O'Neill had 12 of her 17 in the second half and No. 6 Kentucky topped Florida 76-69 Thursday night in the teams' Southeastern Conference opener.

Briefs

Reid, Chiefs nearing deal

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Andy Reid and the Kansas City Chiefs should be quite familiar by now.

The two sides spent much of Thursday in negotiations for Reid to become the Chiefs' coach, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The discussions followed nine hours of talks Wednesday that went well enough that Reid canceled plans to interview for other openings.

Knicks snap Spurs's streak

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony scored 23 points, J.R. Smith kept up his surge with 20 and the New York Knicks snapped the San Antonio Spurs' seven-game winning streak with a 100-83 victory Thursday night.

Steve Novak added 15 points and Tyson Chandler had 10 points and 14 rebounds to help the Knicks bounce back from consecutive losses.

Tim Duncan and Tony Parker each had just 11 points for the Spurs.

Swisher signs with Indians

CLEVELAND — Nick Swisher is officially with the Cleveland Indians.

Swisher passed his physical Thursday and signed the four-year, $56 million, free-agent contract he agreed to last month.

The 32-year-old Swisher spent the past four seasons with the New York Yankees.

Wire reports

Advice

Leave neighbor's tacky yard decorations alone



Dear Amy: Our lovely suburban neighborhood has new neighbors who are causing laughter with their large and unattractive yard decorations.

After neighbors expressed animosity about dead trees left by the contractor, I approached them about the problem and they were very nice about it.

Their property was "spruced up" with whimsical concrete figures on tree stumps, a miniature wishing well and an arched bridge to nowhere.

This does not fit with the tasteful, well-groomed or natural yards surrounding them. Now scattered, colorful, flashing neon Christmas lights with no theme give their home the appearance of a New Orleans strip club.

Some feel this house's appearance lowers property values and prospective house sales.

They are nice people, but their professional and social affiliations are quite different from ours, and we haven't accepted their dinner invitations.

My husband says to leave it alone because it is their property, but their decorating choices are alienating them from the community.

What is appropriate to help make them aware, accepted and welcomed?

— Across the Street

Dear Across: You and your neighbors sound so snippy that you have me rooting for the New Orleans strip club in your midst. Your husband is right. Leave these people alone.

Unless you have community rules dictating this sort of thing, it is their property and they can do whatever they like with it.

If you want to make your neighbors feel accepted and welcome, then actually welcome and accept them, without judgment and correction.

Dear Amy: "Granny's Conundrum" concerned the role of a grandmother in her granddaughter's life.

The granddaughter was obese and dressed poorly. You advocated that she try to love this child "as she is."

I think to not intervene when a young child is obese is akin to child abuse.

This is a health matter that should be dealt with.

— Grandparent

Dear Grandparent: I agree that the obesity should be dealt with but feel it is the parents' job.

Send questions via e-mail to askamy@tribune.com or by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, TT500, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.

Keep landline as emergency back-up plan



Dear Readers: As cellphones become more and more popular, many people are forgoing landlines completely. But in the event of an emergency, if cellphone towers go out or there is no power to charge your phone, what will you do? Research reveals that you can get basic plain-Jane phone service for $20 or so a month. It's a good backup, and it saves minutes for local calls.

— Heloise

Dear Heloise: I recently found a cellphone, the second time this has happened. Both were locked, and there was no way to find the owner. My hint is to put an alternate phone number on the inside of the battery cover. I dropped them off at the cellular provider indicated on the front of the phone.

— Dawn B. in Wisconsin

Dear Heloise: My hint regards keeping blankets and expensive bedcoverings clean if your dog sleeps with you. I place two flat sheets over the sheets under my duvet. Now my small dog is happy to slip between them, and his hair lands there, rather than on a dry-clean duvet or a blanket that cannot stand up to weekly washing.

— Vanessa in Texas

God's Holy Spirit lives within us



Dear Dr. Graham: I understand why God is important, and I understand why Jesus is important, but what about the Holy Spirit?

Where does it fit into my faith? It's all some people talk about, it seems, but I'm not sure what I'm supposed to believe about it.

— Mrs. F.D.

Dear Mrs. F.D.: The Holy Spirit is God Himself, as He works in the world and in our hearts today to accomplish His purposes. (This, incidentally, is why we should refer to the Holy Spirit in personal terms — not as "it" but as "Him").

In other words, just as Jesus was fully God, as well as fully man when He lived on earth, so the Holy Spirit is fully God as He works today.

Jesus promised His disciples that after He returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit would come to take His place.

He said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17).

Because He is God, the Holy Spirit is eternal and all-powerful, and He is everywhere. But when we come to Christ and commit our lives to Him, the Spirit also comes to live within us.

In fact, before we ever come to Jesus, He is already at work in our hearts, convicting us of our sins and convincing us of the truth of the Gospel.

Thank God that He has not abandoned you, but that He is present within you by His Spirit. Ask Him to guide you when you pray, and also to give you wisdom when you have decisions to make.

Ask Him also to help you read the Bible and apply it to your life, and to change you into the person God wants you to be. Most of all, ask Him to help you point others to Jesus.

Write to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, P.O. Box 1270, Charlotte, NC 28201; call (877) 2-GRAHAM; or visit www.billygraham.org.

Sometimes diabetes strikes people who are doing it all correct



Dear Dr. Roach: I am 70 years old, male, about eight pounds underweight, walk 3 miles almost every day, have high blood pressure and am at high risk of developing diabetes, since my mother and brother had diabetes.

I take losartan/HCTZ (I used to take quinapril/HCTZ), which, according to the literature, causes elevated blood glucose. I have elevated glucose and A1c levels on my blood tests, and I think it's caused by the medications.

It seems to me that these medications will push me to full-blown diabetes. Am I missing something?

— J.M.

Dear J.M.: First of all, you are doing a great job in reducing your risk of diabetes by walking daily and not being overweight.

However, some people still will get diabetes, even if they do everything right.

Losartan/HCTZ is a combination of two medications: losartan, an angiotensin-receptor blocker; and hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ), a diuretic that works by forcing the kidney to excrete excess salt and water.

Losartan is a good choice for people with diabetes or prediabetes because it protects both the kidney and the heart, though perhaps not as well as the quinapril you used to take.

As far as I know, quinapril may reduce the risk of diabetes, and losartan doesn't seem to increase or decrease the risk.

The HCTZ, however, does increase the risk of new-onset diabetes by about 30 percent.

Given that your blood sugar and hemoglobin A1c — which looks at blood sugar over several months — are abnormal, it may make sense to change the HCTZ part of your regimen to a different class, such as a calcium channel blocker.

On the other hand, if your blood sugar and A1c are near normal, and your blood pressure is well-controlled, I don't think I would be too anxious to change it, since HCTZ is probably the most effective medicine we have for reducing the risk of stroke in people over 65 with high blood pressure.

The only other thing I would mention is to be careful to control your dietary sugar intake, if you aren't already.

High blood pressure can contribute to stroke risk. The booklet on stroke explains this condition that is deservedly feared by all.

Movie times

SHOWPLACE/HENDERSON
406 Walker Drive
"Texas Chainsaw" (R, 92 min.) 5:05, 10.
"Texas Chainsaw 3D" (R, 92 min.) 7:30.
"Django Unchained" (R, 165 min.) 4:15, 7:50.
"Les Miserables" (PG-13, 157 min.) 4:25, 8.
"Parental Guidance" (PG, 104 min.) 4:50, 7:30.
"Jack Reacher" (PG-13, 130 min.) 4, 7:10, 10:20.
"This Is 40" (R, 133 min.) 3:50, 7, 10:15.
"The Guilt Trip" (PG-13, 110 min.) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45.
"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D" (PG-13, 166 min.) 7:55.
"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (PG-13, 166 min.) 4:15.

AMC EVANSVILLE 16
5401 Lloyd Expressway
"Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D" (PG, 91 min.) 10:25, 2:10, 7.
"Django Unchained" (R, 165 min.) 12:40, 4:05, 7:35, 11.
"The Guilt Trip" (PG-13, 110 min.) 10, 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45.
"Jack Reacher" (PG-13, 130 min.) 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40.
"Les Miserables" (PG-13, 157 min.) 12:35, 4, 7:25, 10:50.
"Life of Pi 3D" (PG, 126 min.) 10:45, 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25.
"Lincoln" (PG-13, 150 min.) 12:35, 3:50, 7:05, 10:20.
"Monster Inc. 3D" (G, 110 min.) 10, 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:15, 9:35.
"Parental Guidance" (PG, 104 min.) 10:35, 11:50, 1, 2:15, 3:20, 4:40, 5:45, 7, 8:10, 9:20, 10:35.
"Promised Land" (R, 106 min.) 10. 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:40.
"Rise of the Guardians" (PG, 97 min.) 11:20, 1:45.
"Skyfall" (PG-13, 143 min.) 4:05, 7:10, 10:20.
"Texas Chainsaw" (R, 92 min.) 12:50.
"Texas Chainsaw 3D" (R, 92 min.) 10:30, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30.
"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (PG-13, 170 min.) 12:10, 3:45, 7:20, 10:55.
"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D" (PG-13, 170 min.) 10:55, 2:30, 6, 9:40.
"This Is 40" (R, 133 min.) 10:50, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45.
"Wreck-It Ralph" (PG, 108 min.) 11:35, 4:30, 9:15.

SHOWPLACE/SOUTH
950 S. Hebron Ave.
"Cloud Atlas" (R, 164 min.) 5:30, 9.
"Paranormal Activity" (R, 95 min.) 5:05, 7:10, 9:20.
"Here Comes The Boom" (PG, 110 min.) 4:45, 7:10, 9:35.
"Hotel Transylvania" (PG, 95 min.) 4:50, 7:05, 9:10.
"Looper" (R, 118 min.) 4:55, 7:30, 10.
"Pitch Perfect" (PG-13, 112 min.) 5, 7:30, 9:55.
"Taken 2" (PG-13, 100 min.) 5:10, 7:20, 9:45.

SHOWPLACE/EAST
1801 Morgan Center Drive
"Texas Chainsaw Massacre: the Beginning" (R, 84 min.) 5, 10.
"Texas Chainsaw 3D" (R, 92 min.) 11:50, 2:30, 7:35.
"Promised Land" (R, 140 min.) 10:50, 1:35, 4:15, 7, 9:45.
"Django Unchained" (R, 165 min.) 11:20, 1:30, 3, 6:40, 8, 10:20.
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"Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D" (PG, 91 min.) 11:55, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50.
"The Impossible" (PG-13, 107 min.) 10:50, 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05.
"Jack Reacher" (PG-13, 130 min.) 12:50, 4, 7:10, 10:20.
"Not Fade Away" (R, 1112 min.) 11, 1:50, 4:30, 7:25, 10:15.
"This Is 40" (R, 133 min.) 12:40, 3:50, 7, 10:15.
"The Guilt Trip" (PG-13, 110 min.) 11:40, 2:25, 5, 7:30, 10.
"Monster Inc. 3D" (G, 110 min.) 11:20, 2, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30.
"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D" (PG-13, 166 min) 11:10, 6:40.
"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (PG-13, 166 min) 2:50, 10:20.
"Rise of the Guardians" (PG, 97 min.) 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35.
"Silver Linings Playbook" (R, 135 min.) 10:30, 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10.
"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" (PG-13) 10:30, 1:15, 4, 6:50, 9:40.
"Lincoln" (PG-13, 150 min.) 11:55, 3:20, 6:45, 10:05.
"Wreck-It Ralph" (PG, 108 min.) 10:45, 6:50.

IMAX THEATRE
"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (PG-13, 166 min) 10:30, 2:20, 6:15, 10:10.

SHOWPLACE/NORTH
4200 Third Ave.
"Monster Inc. 3D" (G, 110 min.) 7:05.
"Monster Inc." (G, 110 min.) 4:30, 9:30.
"Django Unchained" (R, 165 min.) 6:35, 10:10.
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Happy birthday

- Actress Barbara Rush is 86.
- Football Hall-of-Fame coach Don Shula is 83.
- Actress Dyan Cannon is 76.
- Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 76.
- Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin is 70.
- Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 58.
- Actress Ann Magnuson is 57.
- Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order, Joy Division) is 57.
- Country singer Patty Loveless is 56.
- Rock singer Michael Stipe is 53.
- Actor Patrick Cassidy is 51.
- Actor Dave Foley is 50.

Horoscope

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 4). You're changing. You'll lean into the change, enjoying the process and excitedly anticipating who you'll be next. This month brings enchanting company. In February, you'll make something new of old history. Your creation takes on a life of its own in March. May and August are the most lucrative months. You'll travel in June. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 24, 38 and 13.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)0 It's strange when you don't get the response you were looking for. It means something's a little off. You'll be inspired to look at your own motivation. Does it hold up? Is it who you really want to be?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even though your body seems to be taking practical action, your mind is off on a quixotic adventure. Remarkably, you're getting so much done in spite of this disconnect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Be careful whom you confide in, especially about your recent victory. Some people are so interested in their own fears and preoccupations that they'll have a hard time relating to your success story.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You wouldn't presume to tell another person what he or she should go after in life, and by the same token, you don't have to listen to anyone who thinks they know better what you should do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People are always telling you to slow down, but they don't realize that you have to move at your current speed in order to get it all done. You'll go to bed thinking about what you might cut from the schedule.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love has a way of catapulting people out of their usual personality and into a new attitude. You could experience this change to some degree today as your fondness for someone grows.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). With the moon in your sign, you have an even stronger sense of balance than usual. Pleasure, contentment and connection are more important to your daily life right now than any other goal. Make yourself happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). One hipster T-shirt suggested, "If you can't be a good example, be a warning." Today, you won't have to choose. Your bad behavior has unexpectedly positive results, so you'll fit into both categories at once.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're genuinely excited to see your loved ones, you show your enthusiasm as they walk into the room. When you're not, there's something wrong. You and yours deserve to be properly acknowledged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Neither time nor money is available to you in infinite quantities, but you'll do clever things with the resources you have. Bonus: This will impress someone who will be helpful to you at a future date.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Daily living is not an exact science. You'll do your best. Some will say you prioritized unfairly or illogically. How would they know? Let enthusiasm and curiosity be your guides.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a huge difference between being around and being present. The eye contact, physical affection and attention you give loved ones are the keys to happy relationships.

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Business

Pan-Arab Al-Jazeera buys Current TV from Al Gore

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With its purchase of left-leaning Current TV, the Pan-Arab news channel Al-Jazeera has fulfilled a long-held quest to reach tens of millions of U.S. homes. But its new audience immediately got a little smaller.

The nation's second-largest TV operator, Time Warner Cable Inc., dropped Current after the deal was confirmed Wednesday, a sign that the channel will have an uphill climb to expand its reach.

"Our agreement with Current has been terminated and we will no longer be carrying the service. We are removing the service as quickly as possible," the company said in a statement.

Still, the acquisition of Current, the news network that co-founded by former Vice President Al Gore, boosts Al-Jazeera's reach in the U.S. beyond a few large U.S. metropolitan areas including New York and Washington nearly ninefold to about 40 million homes.

Gore confirmed the sale Wednesday, saying in a statement that Al-Jazeera shares Current TV's mission "to give voice to those who are not typically heard; to speak truth to power; to provide independent and diverse points of view; and to tell the stories that no one else is telling."

Al-Jazeera, owned by the government of Qatar, plans to gradually transform Current into a network called Al-Jazeera America by adding five to 10 new U.S. bureaus beyond the five it has now and hiring more journalists. More than half of the content will be U.S. news and the network will have its headquarters in New York, spokesman Stan Collender said.

Collender said there are no rules against foreign ownership of a cable channel — unlike the strict rules limiting foreign ownership of free-to-air TV stations. He said the move is based on demand, adding that 40 percent of viewing traffic on Al-Jazeera English's website is from the U.S.

"This is a pure business decision based on recognized demand," Collender said.

Previous to Al-Jazeera's purchase, Current TV was in 60 million homes. It is carried by Comcast Corp., which owned less than a 10 percent stake in Current TV, as well as DirecTV. Neither company announced plans to drop the channel.

In 2010, Al-Jazeera English's managing director, Tony Burman, blamed a "very aggressive hostility" from the Bush administration for reluctance among cable and satellite companies to show the network.

Even so, Al-Jazeera has garnered respect for its ability to build a serious news product in a short time. In a statement announcing the deal, it touted numerous U.S. journalism awards it received in 2012, including the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award Grand Prize and the Scripps Howard Award for Television/Cable In-Depth Reporting.

Al-Jazeera English went on the air in November 2006. It moved quickly to establish a strong presence on the Internet, launching web streaming services and embracing new social media services such as Twitter in part to compensate for its lack of a presence on U.S. airwaves.

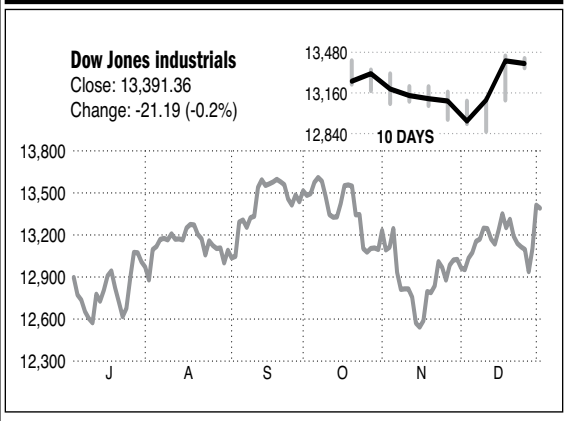
The Market in Review

Stocks of Local Interest

Ticker	Ex	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	NY	1.80	5.1	45	35.02	+.02	+3.9
AbtLab s	NY	.56	1.7	*	33.27	+1.22	+6.2
Accuride	NY	...	...	dd	3.29	-.02	+2.5
Agrium g	NY	2.00	2.0	12	102.23	-.81	+2.4
Airgas	NY	1.60	1.7	22	93.78	+.18	+2.7
AlcatelLuc	NY	...	...	*	1.46	+.06	+5.0
Alcoa	NY	.12	1.3	57	9.07	+.08	+4.5
AllnceRes	Nasd	4.34	7.1	10	61.45	+.99	+5.8
AmExp	NY	.80	1.4	14	59.00	+.25	+3.0
AGreet	NY	.60	3.5	55	16.95	+.01	+.4
Ameriprise	NY	1.80	2.8	14	65.17	-.11	+4.1
Apple Inc	Nasd	10.60	2.0	12	542.10	-6.93	+1.9
ArchDan	NY	.70	2.5	18	28.44	-.23	+3.8
Ashland	NY	.90	1.1	cc	83.06	-1.45	+3.3
ATMOS	NY	1.40	3.9	15	35.59	-.18	+1.3
BP PLC	NY	1.92	4.4	6	43.27	+.85	+3.9
Belo	NY	.32	4.1	9	7.86	-.09	+2.5
Bemis	NY	1.00	2.9	20	33.95	-.05	+1.5
BigLots	NY	...	...	11	29.08	+.79	+2.2
BrMySq	NY	1.40	4.2	30	33.24	+.53	+3.1
CSX	NY	.56	2.8	11	20.36	+.19	+3.2
Chevron	NY	3.60	3.3	9	109.92	-.47	+1.6
ChrchlD	Nasd	.72	1.0	20	69.01	-.10	+3.9
Citigroup	NY	.04	.1	13	41.39	+.14	+4.6
CocaCola s	NY	1.02	2.7	20	37.60	...	+3.7
ColSprtw	Nasd	.88	1.6	19	53.45	+.28	+.2
ConAgra	NY	1.00	3.3	19	30.02	-.07	+1.8
CrackerB	Nasd	2.00	3.1	15	64.70	-.30	+.7
DanaHldg	NY	.20	1.2	12	16.23	+.03	+4.0
Darling	NY	...	...	15	16.16	-.39	+.7
Dell Inc	Nasd	.32	2.9	7	10.94	+.26	+7.9
DineEquity	NY	...	...	10	69.68	+1.17	+4.0
Disney	NY	.75	1.5	16	51.21	+.11	+2.9
DollarTr s	Nasd	...	...	16	39.48	-.42	-2.7
DowChm	NY	1.28	3.9	26	33.15	+.10	+2.5
DuPont	NY	1.72	3.8	14	45.29	-.58	+.7
Eaton	NY	1.52	2.7	14	56.37	-.08	+4.0
ExxonMbl	NY	2.28	2.6	11	88.55	-.16	+2.3
FamilyDlr	NY	.84	1.5	16	55.74	-8.30	-12.1
FifthThird	Nasd	.40	2.6	10	15.63	-.14	+2.8
FordM	NY	.20	1.5	11	13.46	+.26	+3.9
FMCG	NY	1.25	3.6	11	34.85	-.32	+1.9
GenElec	NY	.76	3.6	16	21.10	-.24	+.5
GlaxoSKln	NY	2.40	5.5	*	43.98	-.15	+1.2
Goodyear	Nasd	...	...	20	14.07	+.06	+1.9
Hallibrtn	NY	.36	1.0	11	36.31	+.60	+4.7
Humana	NY	1.04	1.6	9	66.25	-2.19	-3.5
Intel	Nasd	.90	4.2	9	21.32	-.06	+3.4
IBM	NY	3.40	1.7	13	195.27	-1.08	+1.9
IntPap	NY	1.20	3.0	20	40.37	-.12	+1.3
JohnJn	NY	2.44	3.4	23	70.74	-.10	+.9
KimbClk	NY	2.96	3.4	18	86.01	-.37	+1.9
Lowes	NY	.64	1.8	21	35.85	-.34	+.9
Masco	NY	.30	1.7	dd	17.30	+.23	+4.3
McDnlds	NY	3.08	3.4	17	90.63	+.51	+2.7
MeadJohn	NY	1.20	1.7	26	69.95	+1.14	+6.2
Merck	NY	1.72	4.1	19	42.33	+.99	+3.4
Microsoft	Nasd	.92	3.4	15	27.25	-.37	+2.0
Mosaic	NY	1.00	1.8	13	56.77	-.74	+.2
OcciPet	NY	2.16	2.8	11	78.47	+.31	+2.4
OldNBcp	NY	.36	2.8	13	12.65	-.03	+6.6
Oracle	Nasd	.24	.7	16	34.31	-.38	+3.0
PPG	NY	2.36	1.7	18	137.75	-.80	+1.8
PPL Corp	NY	1.44	4.9	10	29.20	+.11	+2.0
PeabdyE	NY	.34	1.3	9	26.64	+.80	+.1
ProctGam	NY	2.25	3.3	18	68.95	-.44	+1.6
RioTinto	NY	1.64	2.8	*	58.48	-1.44	+.7
RiteAid	NY	...	...	dd	1.38	-.02	+1.5
ScrippsNet	NY	.48	.8	18	59.87	+.46	+3.4
ScrippsEW	NY	...	...	33	10.79	-.19	-.2
SearsHldgs	Nasd	...	...	dd	42.26	+.56	+2.2
SonocoP	NY	1.20	3.9	17	30.46	+.11	+2.5
SykesEnt	Nasd	...	...	32	15.05	+.02	-1.1
Toyota	NY	1.51	1.6	*	95.37	-.62	+2.3
Tyson	NY	.20	1.0	13	20.35	+.37	+4.9
US Bancrp	NY	.78	2.4	12	32.51	-.46	+1.8
Vectren	NY	1.42	4.7	15	30.33	+.14	+3.2
Ventas	NY	2.48	3.8	44	64.68	-.48	-.1
VerizonCm	NY	2.06	4.7	41	44.06	-.21	+1.8
WalMart	NY	1.59	2.3	14	68.80	-.44	+.8
Walgrn	NY	1.10	2.9	17	37.79	-.27	+2.1
WellPoint	NY	1.15	2.0	8	58.93	-1.99	-3.3
Weyerhsr	NY	.68	2.3	50	29.15	...	+4.8
Whrlpl	NY	2.00	1.9	17	106.90	-.27	+5.1
WmsCos	NY	1.30	3.8	22	33.77	-.26	+3.1
YumBrnds	NY	1.34	2.0	20	67.58	+.42	+1.8

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-distribution date.

Daily Dow Jones



Stock Market Indexes

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg
13,661.72	12,035.09	Dow Industrials	13,391.36	-21.19	-.16	+2.19	+7.86
5,460.12	4,795.28	Dow Transportation	5,469.93	+34.19	+.63	+3.07	+7.86
499.82	435.57	Dow Utilities	461.57	+.11	+.02	+1.87	+1.69
8,632.01	7,222.88	NYSE Composite	8,607.79	-24.22	-.28	+1.95	+13.26
2,509.57	2,164.87	NYSE MKT Composite	2,362.33	-15.63	-.66	+.28	+2.51
3,196.93	2,627.23	Nasdaq Composite	3,100.57	-11.69	-.38	+2.68	+16.13
1,474.51	1,258.86	S&P 500	1,459.37	-3.05	-.21	+2.33	+13.92
1,046.42	872.77	S&P MidCap	1,048.21	+1.89	+.18	+2.72	+17.56
15,432.54	13,189.93	Wilshire 5000	15,362.59	-17.82	-.12	+2.45	+14.40
873.99	729.75	Russell 2000	872.60	-.82	-.09	+2.74	+15.99

Money Rates

	Last	Pvs Wk
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25
Discount Rate	0.75	0.75
Federal Funds Rate	.00-.25	.00-.25
Treasuries		
3-month	0.08	0.08
6-month	0.12	0.12
5-year	0.82	0.74
10-year	1.91	1.74
30-year	3.11	2.91

Currencies

	Day Ago	Pvs Day
Australia	.9544	.9533
Britain	1.6107	1.6251
Canada	.9874	.9858
Euro	.7656	.7588
Japan	87.18	87.14
Mexico	12.7726	12.7740
SwitzerInd	.9260	.9185

British pound expressed in U.S. dollars. All others show dollar in foreign currency.

Stock Footnotes: g = Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars. h = Does not meet continued-listing standards. If = Late filing with SEC. n = New in past 52 weeks. pf = Preferred. rs = Stock has undergone a reverse stock split of at least 50 percent within the past year. rt = Right to buy security at a specified price. s = Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year. un = Units. vj = In bankruptcy or receivership. wd = When distributed. wi = When issued. wt = Warrants. Gainers and Losers must be worth at least $2 to be listed in tables at left. Most Actives must be worth at least $1. Volume in hundreds of shares. Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Commodities

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
WHEAT (CBOT)					
5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel					
Mar 13	760	761.25	749.75	755.50	+.25
May 13	770	771.50	760.75	764.75	-1.25
Jul 13	775.75	778.25	767.50	771.25	-1.75
Sep 13	791.50	791.75	781.50	783.50	-3.75
Dec 13	803.75	806.25	794.50	797	-4.25
Mar 14	815	815	807	808.25	-5
May 14	814	814	807.75	807.75	-5.25
Est. sales 166,620. Wed's sales 87,655					
Wed's open int. 462,139, +5,805					
CORN (CBOT)					
5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel					
Mar 13	691	694.75	685	689.25	-1.50
May 13	693.25	697	687.75	691	-2.50
Jul 13	690.50	693.50	684.25	686.50	-4.25
Sep 13	615.50	616	606.50	609.50	-6
Dec 13	593.50	593.75	582.50	587.50	-4.75
Mar 14	595	599.75	592.75	597.25	-4.75
May 14	601.25	605	599.50	604.50	-4.75
Est. sales 348,107. Wed's sales 172,676					
Wed's open int. 1,144,331, +16,148					
SOYBEANS (CBOT)					
5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel					
Jan 13	1407	1407	1386.25	1403	-2.50
Mar 13	1394.50	1395.75	1372.50	1386.50	-5.75
May 13	1385.75	1387.75	1364.25	1378.25	-6
Jul 13	1382	1384.75	1362	1376.50	-5.50
Aug 13	1356.25	1360.50	1342.50	1356.25	-4.25
Sep 13	1321	1324	1308.25	1322	-2
Nov 13	1289.75	1294.50	1275.25	1291.75	-2.25
Est. sales 276,394. Wed's sales 156,134					
Wed's open int. 548,932, +2,657					

Metals

	Last	Pvs Day	Pvs Wk
Gold (troy oz)	$1673.70	$1687.90	$1662.60
Silver (troy oz)	$30.671	$30.952	$30.184
Copper (pound)	$3.7015	$3.7254	$3.5900
Aluminum (pound)	$0.9495	$0.9252	$0.9277
Platinum (troy oz)	$1576.70	$1565.10	$1531.80
Palladium (troy oz)	$696.45	$707.25	$707.35
Lead (metric ton)	$2385.00	$2340.00	$2299.00
Zinc, HG (pound)	$0.9466	$0.9228	$0.9320

Markets

GRAINS

Spot bids to producers at selected barge loading terminals on the Ohio River:

Upper Ohio (Cincinnati-Owensboro)
Yellow corn 6.97-6.99
Soybeans 14.43-14.45
Wheat 7.65-7.77
Lower Ohio (Owensboro-Cairo)
Yellow corn 6.96-7.04
White corn 8.35-8.54
Soybeans 14.46-14.47
Wheat 7.71-7.80
Sorghum 6.439

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

CHICAGO — Grains futures fell Wednesday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for March delivery fell 22.75 cents to $7.5525 a bushel; March corn fell 7.50 cents to $6.9075 a bushel; March oats fell 12 cents to $3.3550 a bushel; while March soybeans fell 17.25 cents to $13.9225 a bushel.

Beef and pork futures were mixed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

February live cattle rose 0.07 cent to $1.3237 a pound; March feeder cattle fell 0.37 cent to $1.5390 a pound; February lean hogs rose 0.45 cent to 86.17 cents a pound.

COMMODITIES

Prices for a wide variety of commodities, from corn to gold to oil, are closing lower as investors lose some of their enthusiasm for the "fiscal cliff" compromise.

Commodities followed the stock market Thursday, which also lost some of its gains from the day before.

Stocks zoomed higher Wednesday, as did prices for many commodities. Investors were relieved that Republicans and Democrats had worked out a budget compromise to at least temporarily ward off automatic tax increases and government spending cuts.

Prices for gold, silver, copper and palladium slipped, after rising the day before. Platinum was the exception, rising less than 1 percent. Prices for oil and other energy commodities were also down. Corn and soybean prices also slipped. Wheat was essentially flat.

Staff and wire reports

Stocks fade after Fed reveals split on stimulus

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A two-day rally in the stock market came to an end Thursday afternoon when an account of the Federal Reserve's last meeting revealed a split between bank officials over how long the Fed should keep buying bonds to support the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index treaded water for much of the day, then slid into the red around 2 p.m. Eastern, after the Fed released the minutes from its December meeting.

The Dow ended with a loss of 21.19 points at 13,391.36.

The S&P 500 lost 3.05 points to 1,459.37 and the Nasdaq composite fell 11.70 to 3,100.57.

At last month's meeting of the Federal Reserve's policy-making committee, the central bank pledged to buy $85 billion of Treasurys and mortgage-backed bonds and also keep a benchmark interest rate near zero until the unemployment rates drops below 6.5 percent.

On Thursday, the minutes from that meeting showed Fed officials were divided over the bond purchases. Some of its 12 voting members thought they should continue through this year, while another group thought they should be slowed or stopped much earlier. Just "a few" members saw no need for a time frame, according to the minutes.

"It's pretty surprising," said Thomas Simons, market economist at the investment bank Jefferies. "I think everybody thought there was broad agreement on policy, but now it seems like few of them really wanted to vote for it."

The stock market opened on a weak note after retailers reported mixed holiday sales and as the prospect of a new budget battle in Congress loomed. UnitedHealth Group led the Dow lower. The insurance giant's stock fell $2.55 to $51.99 after analysts at Deutsche Bank and other firms cut their ratings on the stock.

"It's natural to relax a bit after such a huge day as yesterday," said Lawrence Creatura, who manages a small-company fund at Federated Investors.

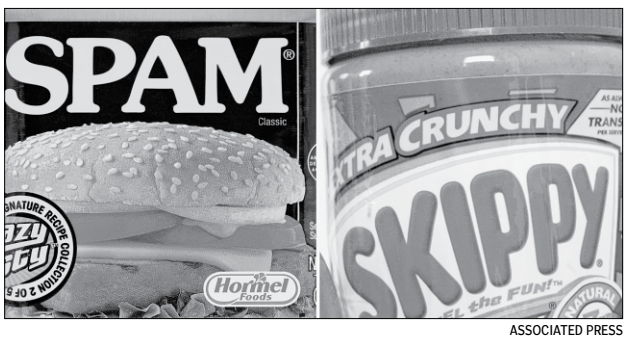
The Dow soared 308 points Wednesday, its largest point gain since December 2011. The rally was ignited after lawmakers passed a bill to avoid a combination of government spending cuts and tax increases called the "fiscal cliff."

That deal gave the market a jump start into the new year. The Dow and the S&P 500 are already up more than 2 percent.

"We're off to a very strong start," Creatura said. "The dominant reason is the resolution of the fiscal cliff. But January is usually a strong month, as investors all shift money into the market at the same time. When the calendar flips, it's as if you're allowed to begin the race anew."

Economists had warned that the full force of the fiscal cliff could drag the country into a recession. The law passed late Tuesday night averted that outcome for now, but other fiscal squabbles are likely in the months ahead. Congress must raise the government's borrowing limit soon or be forced to choose between slashing spending and paying its debts.

In other Thursday trading, prices of U.S. government bonds fell, sending their yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.90 percent from 1.84 percent late Wednesday, a sign that some bond traders believe the Fed minutes hinted at an early end to its bond buying.



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This combination of file photos shows a can of Spam and a jar of Skippy peanut butter. Hormel Foods, the company primarily known for Spam and other cured, smoked and deli meats said Thursday that it's buying Skippy, the country's No. 2 peanut butter brand, in its biggest-ever acquisition.

Lunch meat maker Hormel buying Skippy

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hormel Foods apparently has a hankering for a peanut butter and bacon sandwich. The company primarily known for Spam and other cured, smoked and deli meats said Thursday that it's buying Skippy, the country's No. 2 peanut butter brand, in its biggest-ever acquisition.

Skippy, which was introduced in 1932 and is a staple in American pantries, is intended to increase Hormel's presence in the center of the supermarket where nonperishable foods are sold.

It also gives the Austin, Minn.-based company a stronger footing in international markets. Skippy is sold in about 30 countries and is the leading peanut butter brand in China, where Hormel has been trying to build up its Spam business for the past several years.

Hormel, which also makes canned chili, sausages and pepperoni, currently gets the vast majority of its sales in the U.S., with only about 4 percent of revenue coming from abroad. Now the company is hoping that Skippy, which it's buying from Unilever for $700 million, will help it expand at home and overseas.

Briefs

Mortgage rates near record lows

WASHINGTON — Average U.S. rates on fixed mortgages moved closer to their record lows this week, a trend that has made home buying more affordable and helped sustain a housing recovery.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday that the average rate on the 30-year loan slipped to 3.34 percent from 3.35 percent last week. That's near the 3.31 percent rate reached in November, the lowest on records dating to 1971.

The average on the 15-year fixed mortgage ticked down to 2.64 percent from 2.65 percent last week. The record low is 2.63 percent.

The 30-year fixed mortgage rate averaged 3.66 percent in 2012, the lowest annual average in 65 years, according to Freddie Mac.

Starbucks to roll out $1 reusable cups

NEW YORK — Starbucks Corp. is rolling out a $1 reusable plastic cup at its cafes starting Thursday.

The Seattle-based coffee chain already gives customers a dime discount each time they bring in reusable cups for refills. Now it's hoping the new cups — which bear its logo and resemble its white paper cups — will increase the habit.

As with other reusable cups, the new cups will be cleaned with boiling water each time customers bring them in. The cups were tested in 600 stores in the Pacific Northwest over the past few months and will be rolled out nationwide and in Canada.

In 2008, Seattle-based Starbucks had said it wanted to serve 25 percent of all drinks in reusable cups by 2015. That goal has since been reduced to 5 percent.

Auto sales end year on strong note

DETROIT — Strong U.S. sales in December capped a remarkable year for the auto industry — especially Japanese brands — and 2013 should be even better.

Sales of new cars and trucks are expected to total around 14.5 million after all carmakers announce figures on Thursday. That is 13 percent better than 2011 and the best performance in five years.

In 2012, American had plenty of incentive to buy new cars and trucks. Unemployment eased. Home sales and prices rose. And the average age of a car topped 11 years in the U.S., a record that spurred people to trade in.

"The U.S. light vehicle sales market continues to be a bright spot in the tremulous global environment," said Jeff Schuster, senior vice president of forecasting for LMC Automotive, a Detroit-area industry forecasting firm.

Year-end deals on pickup trucks and the usual round of sparkling holiday ads helped December sales jump 10 percent to more than 1.3 million, auto pricing site TrueCar.com predicted. That would translate to an annual rate of more than 15.6 million, making December the strongest month of 2012.

Wire reports

‘Virtual’ ridealongs cut danger

By Kristi Eaton
Associated Press



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Rapid City Police Department Officer Ron Terviel, left, and Officer Carmen Visian wait while paramedics check a hit-and-run suspect during a Tweetalong in Rapid City, S.D. On a virtual ridealongs on Twitter, or Tweetalongs, officers post regular updates to Twitter about what they are seeing as they perform their normal on-duty routine.

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Riding side by side as a police officer answers a call for help or investigates a brutal crime during a ridealong gives citizens an up close look at the gritty and sometimes dangerous situations officers can experience on the job.

But a new approach to informing the public about what officers do is taking hold at police departments across the United States and Canada — one that is far less dangerous for citizens but, police say, just as informative.

With virtual ridealongs on Twitter, or tweetalongs, curious citizens just need a computer or smartphone for a glimpse into law enforcement officers’ daily routines.

Tweetalongs typically are scheduled for a set number of hours, with an officer — or a designated tweeter like the department’s public information officer— posting regular updates to Twitter about what they are seeing as they perform their normal on-duty routine. The tweets, which also include photos and links to videos of the officers, can encompass an array of activities — everything from an officer responding to a homicide to a noise complaint.

Police departments say virtual ridealongs reach a wider range of people at once and help add transparency to the job.

“People spend hard-earned money on taxes to allow the government to provide services. That’s police, fire, water, streets, the whole works, and there should be a way for those government agencies to let the public know what they’re getting for their money,” said Steve Allender, chief of the Rapid City Police Department in South Dakota, which started offering tweetalongs several months ago after watching departments like those in Seattle, Kansas City, Mo., and Las Vegas do so.

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Tarah Heupel, the public information officer for the Rapid City Police Department, rode alongside Street Crimes Officer Ron Terviel as he patrolled Rapid City. Heupel posted regular updates every few minutes about what Terviel was doing, including the officer citing a woman for public intoxication, responding to a call of three teenagers attempting to steal cough syrup and body spray from a store and locating a man who ran from the scene of an accident. Photos were included in some of the tweets.

Michael Taddesse, a 34-year-old university career specialist in Arlington, Texas, has done several ridealongs with police and regularly follows multiple departments that conduct tweetalongs.

“I think the only way to effectively combat crime is to have a community that is engaged and understands what’s going on,” he said.

Ridealongs where “you’re out in the elements” are very different than sitting behind a computer during a tweetalong and the level of danger is “dramatically decreased,” he said. But in both instances, the passenger gains new information about the call, what laws may or may not have been broken and what transpires, he added.

For police departments, tweetalongs are just one more way to connect directly with a community through social media.

More than 92 percent of police departments use social media, according to a survey of 600 agencies in 48 states conducted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police’s Center for Social Media. And Nancy Kolb, senior program manager for IACP, called tweetalongs a “growing trend” among departments of all sizes.

There is no set protocol and departments are free to conduct the tweetalong how they see fit, she said.

Voices of Valor uses music in solders’ healing process

By Samantha Henry
Associated Press



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Musician Julio Fernandez holds a guitar during a class session at Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J. Students are participating in a music class for service men and women that helps them cope with their life after the military through a program called Voices of Valor.

MONTCLAIR, N.J. – During stressful times as a combat medic in Afghanistan, Mason Sullivan found solace in Vivaldi. New Jersey native Nairobi Cruz was comforted by country music, a genre she had never heard before joining the Army. For Jose Mercedes, it was an eclectic iPod mix that helped him cope with losing an arm during a tour of duty in Iraq.

These three young veterans all say music played a crucial role in alleviating the stresses of active duty. Now, all three are enrolled in a program that hopes to use music to ease their reintegration into civilian life.

“It’s a therapy session without the ‘sit down, lay down, and write notes,’ ” Mercedes, 26, of Union City, said of the music program. “It’s different — it’s an alternative that’s way better.”

The pilot program, called Voices of Valor, has veterans work as a group to synthesize their experiences into musical lyrics. Guided by musicians and a psychology mentor, they write and record a song, and then hold a CD release party. The program is currently under way at Montclair State University, where students participate through the school’s veteran affairs program.

Developed by husband and wife team Rena Fruchter and Brian Dallow, it is open to veterans of any age and background. No musical experience is required.

Both accomplished musicians, Fruchter and Dallow created the program as part of Music for All Seasons, an organization they founded which runs musical programs for audiences at places ranging from nursing homes to prisons.

Based on their experiences working with children at shelters for victims of domestic violence, Fruchter and Dallow realized that young people too traumatized to talk about what they had been through were nevertheless willing to bang on an instrument or sing — often leading to communication breakthroughs. They felt the same might be true for veterans, or other populations traditionally averse to more overt forms of `talk therapy.’

During a recent session of the eight-week program in Montclair, music facilitators Jennifer Lampert, a former Miss USO, and Julio Fernandez, a musician and member of the band Spyro Gyra, lead a small group of young veterans in brainstorming about their experiences.

“Tired of being angry,” “Easier not to move on,” “The war at home,” were phrases Lampert extracted from a discussion among the participants and she wrote each phrase in marker on large notepads fastened to a classroom blackboard.

“To see music heal people in that way, it’s beautiful, and the real incredible part is you don’t have to do anything but give in to the music,” Lampert said. She recounted how, time and again, the facilitators of the program had watched some participants start the class with shoulders slumped, hesitant to make eye contact, and afraid to speak up. Through the process of writing music they changed, she said, into group-focused, smiling, active participants unafraid to stand up and belt out a tune.



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Henderson's five-day forecast

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Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	A rain or snow shower in spots	Partial sunshine	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny
35/24	41/30	36/20	40/28	46/29

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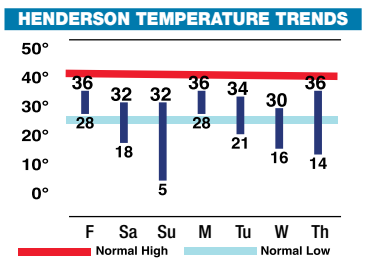
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High/low Wednesday	30/16
High/low Thursday (as of 6 p.m.)	36/14
Normal high/low	41/26
Record high for Thursday	66 in 1950
Record low for Thursday	-3 in 1940
High/low since first of the month	36/14
High/low January temp. on record	78/-20

Thursday's temperatures

Midnight	18	10 a.m.	28
2 a.m.	16	Noon	32
4 a.m.	16	2 p.m.	36
6 a.m.	14	4 p.m.	34
8 a.m.	18	6 p.m.	27

Humidity Thursday at 3 p.m. 55%

HENDERSON TEMPERATURE TRENDS



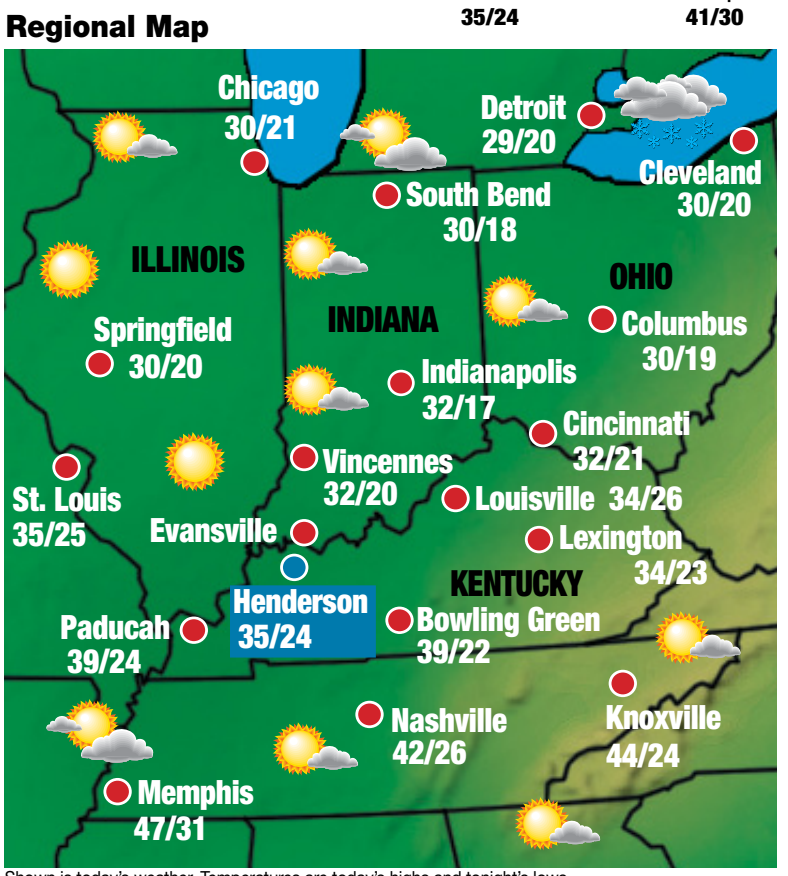
HENDERSON PRECIPITATION	
24 hours ending 6 p.m. Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Year to date	0.00"
Deviation for month	-0.32"
Deviation for year	-0.32"

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Regional Map



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

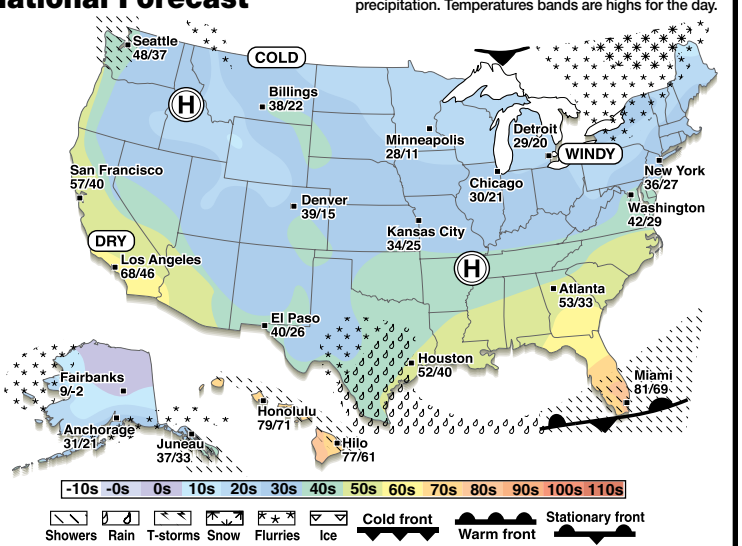
Mostly sunny and cold today. Partly cloudy tonight. Variable clouds tomorrow with a rain or snow shower in spots; however, an afternoon shower in spots in the east. Sunday: partial sunshine. Monday: mostly sunny; milder in the north and west. Tuesday: partly sunny.

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National Forecast

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperatures bands are highs for the day.



RIVERS & LAKES

Yesterday at 7 a.m.	Stages	24-hour change
Ohio River		
Evansville	22.76	-2.35
Newburgh	24.49	-2.74
Uniontown	24.26	-2.11
Louisville Dam	23.38	-1.71
Ohio River will be falling.		
Green River		
Calhoun	14.08	-0.28
Green River will be falling.		
Barkley Lake		
Above dam	356.55	none
Below dam	318.45	-0.35
Water temperature		47
Kentucky Lake		
Above dam	356.41	+0.03
Below dam	313.69	-0.67
Water temperature		47

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Q What is the record high temperature for January in the United States?

A 98 degrees F at Laredo, Texas, on Jan. 17, 1954.

HEATING DEGREE DAYS

Yesterday	40
Month to date (normal)	119 (96)
Season to date (normal)	1782 (1767)

SUN & MOON

Last	New	First	Full
Jan. 4	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 26

Sunrise today	7:07 a.m.
Sunset today	4:45 p.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonset today	10:57 a.m.

Newspaper that printed gun list hires armed guards

The Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. – A New York newspaper that unleashed a public outcry after it published the names and addresses of residents with pistol permits is being protected by armed guards.

The guards have been posted at its White Plains headquarters and in a satellite office in West Nyack since last week, publisher Janet Hasson said. "The safety of my staff is my top priority," she told The New York Times (http://nyti.ms/10QbMyS).

In December, the Journal News published online maps with the names and addresses of pistol permit holders in Rockland and Westchester counties, information it sought from public records after the school shooting in Newtown, Conn.

The newspaper's database, which included an interactive map on the Gannet Co.-owned newspaper's website lohud.com, sparked a torrent of criticism from across the country. Some said the publication was an invasion of privacy and could potentially put gun owners at risk. Others compared it to lists of sexual predators or other criminals, and said it was tantamount to presenting gun permit holders as wrongdoers.

Hasson said the newspaper knew the publication would be controversial, but that "we felt sharing information about gun permits in our area was important in the aftermath of the Newtown shootings."

Neighboring Putnam County this week rejected the Journal's request for permit data, after earlier saying it needed more time to compile the information. The newspaper hasn't responded to requests for comment from The Associated Press on the withholding.

Putnam County Clerk Dennis Sant cited safety as his reason for not complying.

"Our world today is far different than it was only a few years ago," Sant said in a statement, explaining that the Internet and social media make it easy for personal information to be exposed.

As an example of the risks he considered, Sant said he was contacted by a significant number of permit holders who have protection orders against other individuals and now own guns to protect themselves.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

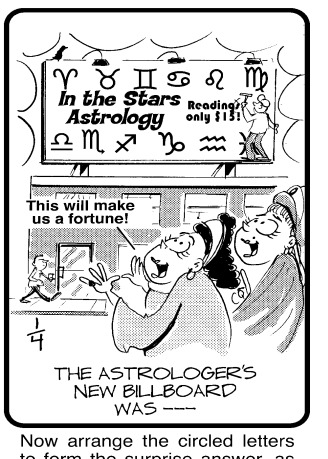
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: A _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SILKY INPUT RELENT HYMNAL
Answer: If the pickpocket was going to steal the man's pocket watch, he would need to — TAKE HIS TIME

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11:30 AM
Shades of White Boutique presents **In Cupid's Site** Prom and Bridal Fashion Show

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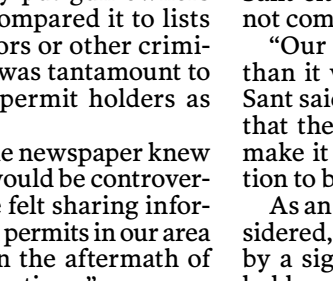
12:45 PM
Eat, Drink and Be Married by Bauerhaus Catering

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